



Bug-Out Convoy Tactics

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The Benefits Of Bugging Out In Convoy

Your best bet is to shelter in place, but if you're going to evacuate, you want to have as much of your gear as you can carry with you.

- Redundancy of supplies is key. One is none and two is one.
- Split up as much as you can carry equitably among your vehicles.
- Have a plan ahead of time. The worst time to execute a plan is when you need it most.

Bug Out Convoy Considerations

Everyday driving is a great training scenario.

- Use multiple vehicles in your everyday life planning and activities.
- Training and mental fortitude are critical.
- Imagine the mental fortitude required to convoy through a massive traffic jam of refugees, who are agitated and desperate.
- Have explanations ready to go for minors and dependents who may witness bad scenes or negative, aggressive behavior.
- Knowing what you'll face, and being prepared for it, is a huge part of this.

Keeping Your Convoy Together

Sticking together is the overriding consideration.

- Communication is very important. Consider hand signals, phones, or especially two-way radios. Remember, handheld comms have limits and phones may be down. Your blinkers can also help communicate.
- Communicating with other vehicles is also necessary at times.

- You may have to consider ignoring traffic signals or even roadblocks, depending on the situation, to maintain your convoy.
- You may need to change directions to avail yourself of the best escape route.
- Don't make hasty decisions or quick lane changes. You are driving for every car behind you.
- Go as slow as you can but as fast as you have to.
- The last vehicle is the "steering wheel" and decides on lane changes, blocking the lane.
- Practice u-turns as a convoy, where the last vehicle becomes the lead, for avoiding dead stopped traffic.
- You may anger other drivers. Be especially apologetic, but if a threat is offered, ramp up.
- You and the other drivers command vehicles that weigh thousands of pounds. That's a formidable "weapon" if needed.

What To Do If A Vehicle Breaks Down

Convoys help protect you from this problem.

- If you're in one vehicle, you're out of luck.
- With multiple vehicles, you can shift gear around and keep on going.

What To Do If You Get Separated

You have to pace yourself and have a primary plan. If you get separated, it may be for a while.

- Do your advance research along the route.
- Identify potential supply stops and rally points. Each vehicle should have its own map and at least one person who can read it.
- Have timelines established and alternative actions to progress if no one shows up.