

# Safety Tips – How to Use Car Battery



The battery is one of the vital parts of any car and at the same time, it can be the most dangerous. Whether you're jump starting a battery that won't start on its own, or you are just performing routine maintenance, remember to take precautions to remain safe.

## Instructions

1. Remove all jewelry before working with car batteries. The electrical charge can go through a tool and into a metal ring or watch.
2. Disconnect the negative cable first and re-connect it last to prevent getting a shock from current overflow.
3. Wear gloves, goggles, long sleeve clothing and pants when working with a car battery to prevent acid burns on your skin or eyes.
4. Work in a well ventilated area when cleaning, filling or connecting a battery.
5. Look for cracks or corrosion on your battery at least once a year. If you find any, replace the battery immediately to avoid serious injury or damage to your vehicle.
6. Pour water into the battery slowly if it needs to be replenished. Keep your face as far away from the opening.

## Tips & Warnings

- Treat car battery acid on your clothes or skin with a mixture of baking soda and water to neutralise it. If the acid has already caused a burn, treat the burn or seek medical treatment.
- Never lean over the battery when connecting or disconnecting the car battery. Acid from the battery can splash up or sparks can fly into your face.