

## **Makeshift Vol 23: Winner: Most Plausible**

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The solution to this problem is actually quite simple. Get people to move their cars as far to the side of the road as possible to make room for emergency services and don't mess with the SUV with the unconscious driver. See if anyone has a fire extinguisher in their car. If so, spray it under and around the vehicle in case the fuel ignites.

In an accident you have to be worried about possible spinal injuries to the victims. These injuries can be made much worse by moving the victim which is why you should NEVER move someone in an accident unless they are in IMMEDIATE danger. Gasoline on the ground doesn't actually qualify unless there is a source of ignition nearby.

Any prying, twisting, pounding on the METAL car with METAL tools can quite easily generate a spark, which will defeat the entire purpose of getting the victim out of the car in the first place. Even pulling the doors open will cause metal surfaces to rub against each other.

Of course, there are more dangers than fire. Shifting parts of the car could cause it to tip further which could cause it to come crashing down on yourself or bystanders. Furthermore, because the driver is unconscious, shifting of the car could shift the driver into a position in which he is unable to breathe.

When the fire department arrives they will coat the area with various chemicals that will prevent the fuel from igniting and then use various tools to extract the driver in a safe manner. Now, if the fuel is on fire or the driver is clearly not breathing then something needs to be done, but only so far as you don't place yourself or others in a greater risk than before.

If the driver is not breathing then bash open a the REAR (to avoid shattering glass all over the victim) window with something (anything heavy, sledgehammer from the jobsite) and climb in to help. Move the victim as little as is necessary to get them breathing.