

WHEEL CHANGING SAFETY

Before raising the vehicle, or changing a wheel, make sure that you read and comply with the following warnings. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

WARNING

Always find a safe place to stop, off the highway and away from traffic.

Switch on the hazard warning lamps to alert all traffic of the obstruction.

Apply the Parking brake and engage transmission Park (P). Turn the engine off and remove the Smart key from the vehicle. Failure to do so can result in unexpected movement of the vehicle causing serious injury or death.

WARNING

Make sure that all passengers and animals are out of the vehicle and in a safe place, away from the highway.

Place a warning triangle at a suitable distance behind the vehicle, facing towards oncoming traffic.

WARNING

Make sure that the vehicle and jack are both on firm level ground. Do not jack the vehicle if it is over a metal grating or manhole cover.

Make sure that the front wheels are in the straight ahead position.

WARNING

When one rear wheel is lifted off the ground, the selection of transmission Park P position will not prevent the vehicle from moving and possibly slipping off the jack as the Parking brake only operates on the rear wheels.

Use a wheel chock when jacking the vehicle. Always chock the wheel diagonally opposite the wheel to be changed. Chock the front of a front wheel, or the rear of a rear wheel.

If jacking the vehicle on a slight slope is unavoidable, place chocks on the downhill side of the two opposite wheels. An additional chock will be needed.

WARNING

Remove the spare wheel prior to jacking the vehicle, to avoid destabilizing the vehicle when raised.

Take care when lifting the spare wheel, and removing the punctured wheel. The wheels are heavy, and can cause injuries if not handled correctly.

Always make sure replacement tires have the correct rating and specifications (e.g. load index, size, speed rating) for your vehicle.

After wheel changing, always secure tools, chocks, jack, and replaced wheel in their correct storage positions. Such objects, if not properly stowed, can become flying missiles in a crash or rollover, potentially causing injury or death.