



Think and Thump!

When it gets cold in the winter, animals living outside look for warm places to sleep, including under the hood of our cars! This activity reminds everyone to **THINK** about what creatures could be sheltering under the hood and **THUMP** on the hood to make sure they wake up and get out safely before the car starts.

Materials: Plain paper or poster board, flyer templates, markers or paints

Directions:

- 1** Decide whether you will make a poster or flyers you can pop under windshield wipers to inform people about the issue.
- 2** Plan what you want to include on your poster or flyers. Maybe a picture of a cat, raccoon, mouse, or any animal that could be hiding. Try to include words like "Think and Thump!" or "protect animals!"
- 3** Make a practice sketch of your poster or flyer on scrap paper. Remember to use lots of eye-catching drawings and clear letters when you create your poster or flyer. A clear message will help educate others in your community!
- 4** With the help of an adult, put your poster or flyers out in your neighbourhood to remind everyone how to help keep animals safe this winter. Your furry friends will thank you!



What you want people to know:



Tapping or lightly thumping the hood of your car allows time for a four-legged friend to escape. Wait a few moments after tapping to listen for noises of escape before entering and starting your car. Now you know you don't have a stowaway in your vehicle!



Additional Resources

Flyer Templates

