Garage and Driveway Hazards

• Keep all hazardous products out of children’s reach. Lock up all chemicals, paint, pesticides, store tools and hardware in a latched or locked cabinet.

• Materials soaked in flammable liquids may self-ignite causing a fire hazard. Be sure to properly dispose of all gasoline-, oil-, or paint-soaked rags after each use in a metal container with a self-closing lid.

• Do not store any other flammable liquid in a gasoline safety container. Store all flammable liquids in a shed or garage, outside your home.

• Running a vehicle’s engine in an enclosed space can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Never warm up or run a vehicle (or any gasoline engine) in a garage with the door closed. Always open the garage door before starting your vehicle. Always turn off the vehicle before closing the garage door.

• The garage contains many potential hazards. Always supervise children while they are in the garage to prevent injury.

• Icy surfaces are especially dangerous fall hazards, so correct them before they happen. Apply an ice-melt product, salt or sand on the driveway that safely melts ice or provides traction.

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