

# WEEKLY **SAFETY** REMINDERS

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2008



## July 6

In 2006, 116 people died *each and every day* in traffic crashes. During this time of year when you and your family are on the road for outings or to visit relatives, practice defensive driving and don't let distractions cause an avoidable crash. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Drowsy and Distracted Driving."

## July 13



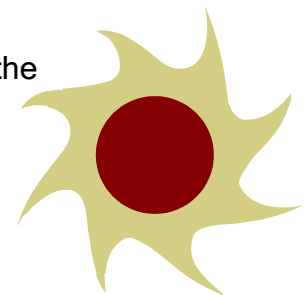
July 16<sup>th</sup> is Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day. In 2006, 55 percent of all fatalities in motorcycle crashes involved another vehicle. Motorcycle safety is not only the responsibility of the motorcyclist, but other drivers as well. Help make the roads safer for riders by being alert and giving them extra room to maneuver. For more information, visit [www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org).

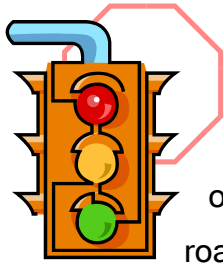
## July 20

When you pack up your family for a fun-filled summer vacation, remember that safety belts are important for everyone in the vehicle, in both the front and back seats, and whether you're traveling on the highway or driving around town. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm](http://www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm).

## July 27

Never leave your children or pets unattended in a vehicle. When the temperature outside gets above 86°F, the temperature *inside* a vehicle can quickly reach 134°F to 154°F! For information, visit [www.safetyfeature.org](http://www.safetyfeature.org).





### August 3

This week is National Stop on Red Week. Practice patience and remember that the yellow light doesn't mean hurry up – *slow down* and obey the traffic laws to protect your family and the other vehicles on the road. For more information, visit [www.stopredlightrunning.com](http://www.stopredlightrunning.com).

### August 10

State and local law enforcement agencies will soon begin their annual Labor Day Impaired Driving Crackdown from August 15 through September 1. They will be out in large numbers to get drunk drivers off the road and into jail where they belong. Pass the word. For more information, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org).

### August 17

Riding with someone who has been drinking puts you at great risk. Tell them that if they insist on driving, you are not going with them. Suggest that you will call someone else for a ride, take a cab, or walk. For more information, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org).

Friends  
Don't Let  
Friends  
Drive Drunk.

### August 24

Next weekend is the Labor Day holiday, a day of rest and a time for family togetherness.



But it can quickly turn into a day of sadness from traffic crashes caused by drinking and driving. The best defense against an impaired driver is to always buckle up. For more information on how to keep your community safe, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Impaired Driving."

### August 31

As children head back to school, help keep them safe by watching out and being extra careful near schools and bus stops. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic. For information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "School Buses."

## September 7

Teens riding in a vehicle with other teens only buckle up 50 percent of the time. As a new school year begins and new drivers hit the streets, teach your teens to be a good influence by buckling up both behind the wheel and in the passenger seat. For more information about new driver safety, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) and select Teen Drivers.



## September 14



Bicycling is fun and great exercise, but not enjoyable when you have an accident. Check your bike thoroughly to make sure all equipment works properly and learn how to look for road hazards that can cause accidents. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov). Click on “Traffic Safety” and choose “Bicycles.”

## September 21

Child Passenger Safety Week begins today. Visit a local inspection station to have your child’s car seat inspected. Make sure your precious occupants are riding securely and safely each time you buckle them into a vehicle. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov). Click on “Traffic Safety” and choose “Child Passenger Safety.”

## September 28

Autumn has officially begun! As you keep busy with your children’s activities, remember to check your vehicle’s tire pressure at least once a month. Maintaining your tires can help keep your family safe on the road. For more information about tire maintenance, visit [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

