



WEEKLY SAFETY REMINDERS APRIL - JUNE 2010

April 4

Today is Easter Sunday. If you're traveling to celebrate the holiday with your family, whether near or far, make sure to properly restrain your children in your vehicle with the correct child safety seats and seat belts. In 2008, 1,347 children ages 14 and younger were killed in traffic crashes. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Child Passenger Safety."



April 11

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, a perfect time to caution your friends and loved ones about the dangers of alcohol-impaired driving. In 2008, there was an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 45 minutes. Plus, almost one-third of traffic fatalities are caused by alcohol-impaired driving crashes in a given year. The choices made by others can affect **your** safety, so help spread the word that drinking and driving don't mix! For more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.



April 18

Graduation is often a rite of passage, when many teens leave home to become adults. Make sure as they transition to making their own choices that they know the value of the small, daily decisions that can save their lives – like wearing seat belts. Seat belts saved an estimated 13,250 lives in 2008. Emphasize to your teens how important it is to always buckle up. For more information, visit

www.nhtsa.dot.gov and select Teen Drivers.

April 25

National Bicycle Safety Month begins on Saturday. As a driver, remember that it's your responsibility to share the road with bicyclists. Allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicycle, look for bicycles before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space, and yield to cyclists at intersections. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Bicycles."

May 2

Did you know that 5,290 motorcyclists were killed and an additional 96,000 motorcyclists were injured in traffic crashes in 2008? May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Make an extra effort to look for motorcycles on the streets and highways – for your safety **and** theirs. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on “Traffic Safety” and choose “Motorcycles.”

Share the road with motorcycles



May 9

Each day in 2008, an average of 4 children ages 14 and younger were killed and 529 were injured in motor vehicle crashes. This Mother’s Day, help the moms in your congregation protect their families by being a safe driver; obey the speed limit, look out for others, and avoid distractions. Even if you’re not a parent, you can still play an important part in the safety of the children in your community! For more information, visit www.safetyfeature.org.



May 16

In 2008, 5,864 drivers ages 15 to 20 years old were involved in fatal crashes. Teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. The majority of fatally injured teens were not buckled up at the time of the crash. Stress the importance of seat belts to the teens in your life. With every click they are traveling in the right direction for a safer future. For more information,

visit www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm.

May 23

In a given year, 55 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were unrestrained at the time of the crash. During *Click It or Ticket*, a ticket may seem like an inconvenience, but the cost of a fine is nothing compared to the cost of a life. Show respect for your life – buckle up. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm.



May 30

Memorial Day is tomorrow. During times of remembrance, it's also good to think about the future. Our fast-paced world is constantly moving, but many things, like driving, require your full attention. In 2008 nearly 6,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted or inattentive driver, and more than half a million were injured. Slow down and cherish life! For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Drowsy and Distracted Driving."



June 6

Today is the last day of the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, but hopefully the beginning of a lifelong good habit – buckling up. Over 37,000 Americans are killed in motor vehicle crashes in a given year. Don't be one of the many that learn the importance of seat belts from tragedy. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Occupant Protection."

June 13

Today is the last day of National Tire Safety Week. You can't tell correct tire pressure just by looking, so use a gauge to check your tire pressure at least once a month to help avoid tire failures and make sure your family is traveling as safely as possible. For more information about tire maintenance, visit www.safercar.gov.



June 20

As you celebrate Father's Day today, strive to be a patient dad, especially when driving. Aggressive driving is a serious problem, and your actions can set the example. Nothing is worth endangering yourself, your family, or others on the roadway. For more information on how to stop aggressive driving, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

June 27

Summer is officially here and the 4th of July holiday is just around the corner. Over 1.43 million drivers were arrested in 2007 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. Celebrate freedom by enjoying it responsibly, and go the extra mile by being a designated driver. For more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.

