

# WEEKLY SAFETY REMINDERS

APRIL - JUNE 2008



## April 6

The majority of teen driver fatalities result from simple errors. Be a good role model—help teens to learn by example through wearing your safety belt and practicing safe driving. For more information about new driver safety, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/) and select Teen Drivers.



## April 13

Prom and graduation season is just around the corner, so talk to your teenagers about making responsible decisions when they drive. Drinking alcohol can have immediate effects on judgment, especially in teenagers. With more than one-third of teen traffic deaths involving alcohol, it's important to teach teens that even one drink is too much. For more information, visit [www.stopimpaireddriving.org/](http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/).

## April 20

Distractions are dangerous! Driving when tired, talking on a cell phone, and putting on make-up are all actions that can cause serious accidents. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Drowsy and Distracted Driving."

## April 27

Motorcycles can be difficult to see on the roadway, especially in your blind spot. Share the roadway and make an extra effort to carefully check for motorcycles in traffic. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Motorcycles."



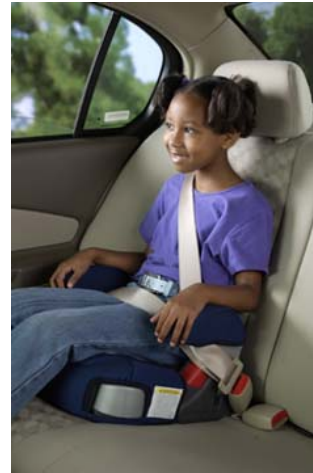


## May 4

Tuesday is National Teachers Day. We can all be good teachers. This week, teach someone to be good driver, and take those few extra moments to buckle up each time you get in a vehicle. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/).

## May 11

Today is Mother's Day. Show your children that you care for their safety by using the proper child safety seat. With proper restraints, you can help protect them every time you get behind the wheel. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/) and select Child Passenger Safety.



## May 18

Wearing a seatbelt is important because it protects you and your family, but it's also important because it's the law. Buckle up during every trip so you won't risk a ticket, a fine, or worse, your life. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm](http://www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm).



## May 25

This Memorial Day, make the decision to help stop preventable deaths from motor vehicle crashes—wear your safety belt, obey the speed limit, and always pay attention to your surroundings. 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 “Safe Communities.”

## June 1

Do you know that a child's body warms 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's? Never leave children unattended in a vehicle, especially in the summer when cars can quickly heat to unbearable levels. Non-traffic incidents can be avoided with proper caution. For information, visit [www.safetyfeature.org/](http://www.safetyfeature.org/).

## June 8

When school's out for summer, many new drivers are also out on the streets and



highways. Don't rely only on driver's education; take an active role in encouraging seat belt use at all times. For more information about new driver safety, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/) and select Teen Drivers.

## June 15

As you and your family celebrate Father's Day, emphasize the importance of patience and safety on the roadways, avoiding aggressive driving by practicing safe speed and following distance. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Aggressive Driving."



## June 22

Summertime is here! Pedestrian activity increases throughout the warm summer months and children are more likely to play outside, so be cautious especially when backing out of driveways. For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/) or [www.walkinginfo.org/](http://www.walkinginfo.org/) to learn how pedestrians and motorists can be safe and share the road.

## June 29

If you or your children are going to enjoy the spring weather with a bike ride, don't forget to wear a bicycle helmet, use lights and reflectors, wear bright clothing to be easily seen, and follow the rules of the road. For more information in English and Spanish, visit [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/). Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Bicycles."