

WEEKLY SAFETY REMINDERS

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008



October 5



Tomorrow is the start of “Drive Safely to Work Week,” reminding all drivers to share the road safely. No matter what you drive, whether a car, truck, motorcycle, or bicycle, look out for those around you and be aware of how your actions affect others. For more information, visit www.trafficsafety.org.

October 12

In 2007, 5,154 people were killed and 103,000 were injured in motorcycle crashes. Look out for motorcycles on the road, especially in intersections, and give motorcyclists extra space. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on “Traffic Safety” and choose “Motorcycles.”



October 19

This week is National School Bus Safety Week, encouraging drivers to "Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm." Be a safe driver by obeying the speed limit and staying alert, especially near buses and in school zones. For more information, visit www.napt.org.

October 26

As Halloween nears, the streets and neighborhoods will be filled with children and teenagers, wearing costumes and on a mission for candy! Since they will be distracted, make sure you are not. Slow down in residential areas. These days Halloween is also a time for adult parties. Help keep your friends and loved ones from drinking and driving, and for more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.



November 2

It's time for Daylight Savings Time to end, so as nightfall comes earlier, use extra caution when driving in the dark and always take the time to buckle up. In 2006, 68 percent of those killed at night weren't wearing their seat belts. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm.



November 9



This Tuesday is Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor those who have sacrificed for our country. As you honor these great veterans, also reflect on those who are needlessly killed or injured on our Nation's streets and highways every day. For more information on how to keep your community safe, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov and click on "Traffic Safety."

November 16

This time of year is a wonderful time for families. But more important than trips, toys, or oversized meals is your family's safety. Child seats reduce the chance of an infant being killed in a vehicle crash by 71 percent and the risk of a toddler being killed by 54 percent. Don't forget to buckle your own belt, too! For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Child Passenger Safety."

November 23

In 2006, more than 15,000 lives were saved by safety belts. This Thanksgiving, no matter how far you and your family are traveling, wear your safety belt every time you are in a vehicle. For information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Occupant Protection."



November 30

As the Thanksgiving holiday weekend comes to an end, many will hit the road for a long drive home. Take your time – be on the lookout for impaired drivers and remind those you love that drinking and driving don't mix. For more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.



December 7



Throughout December, it is easy to become consumed with the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Slow your pace when you get behind the wheel. Nothing is worth compromising the safety of you and your family. Obey the speed limit and keep your family buckled up; not only is it the law, but it is your responsibility to help protect those you love. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov/. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Aggressive Driving."

December 14

With many attending holiday parties and celebrations, this is a good time to remind your loved ones about the dangers of drinking and driving. Drunk drivers don't just affect themselves, but the safety and wellbeing of the innocent drivers and passengers on the



road with them. Be responsible and help those around you to act responsibly, too. For more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.

December 21

Holiday memories stay with you from childhood throughout your adult life, whatever your family traditions may be. Sadly, this can also be a dangerous time of year on the streets and highways. Do your best to keep your children and loved ones safe—the simplest and most effective way to protect your family on the roads is to make sure all are buckled up, every trip, every time. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov. Click on "Traffic Safety" and choose "Occupant Protection."



December 28



It's almost time to ring in 2009. Every New Year holiday period, far too many people die in crashes involving an alcohol impaired driver, and celebrations turn to tragedy and sorrow for many families. This year, encourage friends and loved ones to be safe, refuse to ride with someone who has been drinking, and volunteer to be a designated driver. For more information, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.

