

# WEEKLY SAFETY REMINDERS

## OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2007 QUARTER

### **October 7**

The government recommends car seats for children up to 40 pounds and booster seats for children over 40 pounds until they are 8 years old or 4-foot-9. All children should ride in the back seat until age 13. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/> and click on links to child passenger safety information.

### **October 14**

Crash records indicate that safety belt use is significantly lower at night than in daylight hours. Buckle up both day and night. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.

### **October 21**

“Stop on Red, Kids Ahead.” National School Bus Safety Week is October 22-26, 2007. For more information, visit: <http://www.napt.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=7>.

### **October 28**

Young adults celebrating Halloween with parties involving alcohol need to plan ahead for a safe and sober driver. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

### **November 4**

Driving and riding in vehicles without wearing safety belts continues to be a killer for teenagers. Traffic crash statistics for this region of the country show that in 2005, 62 percent of 16-to 20-year-olds who died in crashes were not buckled up. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>. Click on Traffic Safety and choose the Safety Belts and Teens Report.

### **November 11**

We can all step forward to make our community safer by choosing good driving practices. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.

### **November 18**

If your Thanksgiving journey takes you onto rural roads, please remember that in this part of the country, a higher percentage of crash fatalities occur on rural roads. Drive with extra care. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>. Click on Traffic Safety and choose Traffic Crashes Take Their Toll on America's Rural Roads.

## **November 25**

Before the drive home on Thanksgiving weekend, remind yourself or your traveling guests to buckle up everyone in the vehicle. Everybody's best defense against dangerous roadway conditions is buckling up themselves and their children. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>. Click on Traffic Safety and choose Occupant Protection.

## **December 2**

Volunteering to be the sober driver at a party where alcohol is served seems like a very small gift. But it is not. Do it this season. For information in English and Spanish, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

## **December 9**

The holiday season is a good time to remind your young people that under-age drinking will not be tolerated in your family. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

## **December 16**

Drinking alcohol, including binge drinking, is rampant on college campuses. Warn your college student not to engage in under-age drinking. Remind your student that staying out of trouble is the best way to stay in college--the freedom zone. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

## **December 23**

Tomorrow in the quiet of Christmas Eve, let us give thanks for the blessings we have received and find ways to protect and care for family and friends by helping them stay safe on the road. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.

## **December 30**

New Year's Eve is one of the most deadly days on the calendar. Use safety belts and appropriate child safety devices: the best protection from drunk drivers along the way. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/> and <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>.