

WEEKLY SAFETY REMINDERS

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October 1

The 10th annual Drive Safely Work Week (DSWW) campaign will be observed by thousands of employers October 2-8, 2006. For more information, visit: <http://www.trafficsafety.org/dsww.asp>.

October 8

"Drive as if Your Life Depends on It." That's not just a clever slogan. It's a fact many of us sometimes forget. For more information, visit: <http://www.brakesonfatalities.org/>.

October 15

"Be Aware – Cross with Care." National School Bus Safety Week is October 15-21, 2006. For more information, visit: <http://www.napt.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=7>.

October 22

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) encourages motorcyclists to get proper training, always wear helmets, and absolutely never drink and ride. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/> and <http://www.msf-usa.org/>.

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/planners/HallowPlanner06/planner/index.cfm>.

November 5

Many young men who thought they did not need to buckle up in their big pickup trucks are changing their habits. But, you probably know someone who just doesn't "get it yet." Have the courage to tell that person that buckling up is the smart move. For more information, visit: <http://www.buckleupinyourtruck.com/>.

November 12

Safe walking habits is serious business for people of all ages. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/ped/>.

November 19

Our traffic safety friends remind us that speed is a factor in thousands of deaths every year. For more information, visit: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/research/speed_aggressive.html.

November 26

Our traffic safety friends remind us that holiday weekend driving is always dangerous. Everybody's best defense against dangerous roadway conditions is buckling up themselves and their children. For more information, visit: <http://www.buckleupamerica.org/>.

December 3

Sometime this month, you may need to rescue a brother or a sister from the risks of driving after drinking. Volunteer to be a designated driver for a family or workplace Christmas gathering where alcohol will be served. For information in English and Spanish, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

December 10

Our friends in traffic safety tells us that the odds are nearly 1 in 3 we will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in our lives. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

December 17

The holiday season is a good time to remind family members under 21 that drinking is against state AND family law. For more information, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/youth-programs.htm>.

December 24

A teenager who's feeling invincible needs a reminder in the church parking lot to fasten the seat belt anyway. For more information, visit: <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-30/NCSA/TSF2004/809909.pdf>.

December 31

Two good New Year's Resolutions: (1) Don't drink and drive and don't ride with someone who has been drinking, not even a best boyfriend or a family member. (2) Buckle up yourself and all the kids in the car in every vehicle every time. For more information on traffic safety, visit: <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org>, <http://www.buckleupamerica.org/>, and <http://www.buckleupinyourtruck.com/>.

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