



MaineDOT Flash Facts

Topic: Holiday and Tourism Safety

Summer months bring many tourists to our wonderful state of Maine. Be prepared for a safe trip. Many people are traveling this week to see their families, friends or take a vacation. If you're traveling, make sure that you and your vehicle are ready for the trip. It's no fun to break down on the way - and it could be dangerous. The MaineDOT reminds you to:

- Check all of your fluid levels (oil, coolant, brake fluid and windshield washer)
- Check your tires for proper inflation and adequate tread.
- Check your brakes.
- Pack so that your luggage does not obscure your vision.
- Check www.511maine.gov for travel conditions

Many Americans are on the road this week, so it's important to drive carefully to make sure you, your passengers, and other travelers arrive safely at their destination.

The real key to crash prevention is safe driving behavior. Here are some reminders from the MaineDOT to keep you safe on the road:

- Maintain safe speeds and don't let distractions take your eyes off the road. Excess speed and driver distractions are the leading killers.
- Make sure everyone buckles up - no exceptions.
- Maintain a safe following distance – allow 3 seconds of travel time between vehicles.
- Stay calm and focused - expect to find heavy traffic.
- Plan your route. If you become lost and need to check maps or directions, pull completely off the road.

The Fourth of July is a big travel day and weekend. It's easy to overbook yourself and rush from place to place. Make sure you don't drive too quickly or drive when you're tired.

This information is provided by MaineDOT, for further safety information contact 207-624-3278



During the last three year period, Maine has 70 traffic fatalities for the months of July and August, compared to 46 in other months. The MaineDOT offers the following reminders to help you and your family travel safe this Fourth of July weekend:

- Allow yourself extra time. Expect holiday traffic delays.
- Drive with caution, concentration and common sense.
- Stay alert for changing road and traffic conditions.
- Watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Be alert for moose and deer, especially at night.
- Be patient in road construction areas and heed the signs.

Be a Road Model: Have a safe and fun holiday weekend and always wear your seatbelt.