



## MaineDOT Flash Facts

### Topic- Memorial Day

The unofficial start of summer arrives this weekend, and vehicle travel will be heavy. A couple of May-in-Maine traffic safety reminders:

Moose crashes are most frequent in May:

- Avoid distractions and watch the road ahead and on the roadsides.
- **Slow down at night** – 90% of moose crashes occur when it's dark. Use your high beams and regularly scan the roadside.

Roadway construction and maintenance activities are in full swing.

- Watch for orange signs and cones as well as for flaggers directing you safely through work areas.
- Slow down – follow the posted speed limits
- Maintain a safe following distance.

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### Flash Facts:

Memorial Day weekend means many more people will be on the road. This increase in traffic means you should be more cautious. The Maine DOT would like to remind you to:

- Allow extra time. With all the traffic on the road, be prepared for delays.
  - Pay attention at all times. Try to not be distracted with food, music, cell phones or passengers.
  - With this increase in traffic, it is essential to fully concentrate on driving.
  - Travel at a safe, legal speed.
  - Don't forget to wear your seatbelt. Not only is it illegal to not wear a seatbelt, it could cost you your life.
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Memorial Day means lots of traffic. During the past five years, over 1,400 crashes occurred in Maine on Memorial Day weekend alone. The Maine DOT has some helpful suggestions on how to make this Memorial Day a safer one:

- Plan your trip ahead of time and check the MaineDOT web site for road conditions at [www.511Maine.com](http://www.511Maine.com)
- Make sure your car is in good condition by checking fluid levels and tire pressure.
- Be fully rested before your journey begins.
- Pack so that all items are secured and that your visibility is not impaired.
- Expect delays on the road. Don't get tense.

**Be a Road Model:** Enjoy this Memorial Day weekend, drive safely and make sure everyone is buckled up.