



MaineDOT Flash Facts

Topic: Memorial Day and Graduations

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Many people will be heading home returning from a fun-filled Memorial Day Weekend. The increase of cars on the road makes “**Being A Road Model**” more important. Here are some reminders to keep you traveling safely today:

- Expect holiday traffic back-ups. Plan ahead to allow for extra travel time. Take your time and enjoy Maine – “The Way Life Should Be”.
- Make sure you leave adequate space between your vehicle and the one ahead. This is the best way to avoid collisions.
- Pay attention to your driving -- Do not eat, read, check maps, etc. while driving.

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For many, this is graduation time. Here are some tips from the Maine DOT for parents to ensure your graduates get home safely. With graduation and parties around the corner, there are many ways you can encourage driving safety while enjoying the celebrations.

- Make sure you are kept informed of your graduate’s plans.
- Set guidelines for safe driving so there is no question about appropriate behavior behind the wheel.
- Support chemical-free graduation parties.
- Offer alternate transportation arrangements.

Flash Facts:

Upcoming graduations mean post-graduation parties. Post-party driving leads to serious injuries and even death. Car crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers. To keep your graduate safer on the road, here are some tips from the MaineDOT for graduation celebrations.

- Remind your teenager to never allow someone who has been drinking to drive.

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- Teach them that drinking and driving never mix. Have them call you or a taxi, rather than allow anyone drinking to drive.
- Remind your teen how important it is to pay attention to their driving and avoid driving distractions from occupants, cell phones, CD searching or loud music.
- Safe speed is a key component of crash-free driving. Slow down...Unsafe speed is a factor in about 60% of fatal crashes involving teen drivers.

Be a Road Model: practice responsible behaviors. Keep Maine's future safe and make sure everyone wears their seat belts.