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## **Taking a Summer Road Trip?**



Summer Driving! Long days, warm weather, and our favorite music all make for great driving fun. But, before you take that long drive, make sure you have some prep work done.

### Get your car ready

**Tune up** - Check hoses, fluids, lights, air, wipers etc. Do you need tires? Is the AC working? Maybe a quick trip to your favorite mechanic?

**Rules** - If you're driving in another state - or country - check their rules. Watch that speed!

Clean out - Time to clean out all that stuff you're thrown in the back and forgotten.

**Sunglasses** - invest in a quality pair of shades that accounts for glare.

Footwear - Rethink driving in flipflops or slip-on shoes.

**Plan** - Know where you're going (in general) and look ahead for weather and traffic issues.

**Time it out** - Travel early or late in the day. Avoid high traffic areas during peak times.

**Safety** - You're having fun. But you're not alone on the road. Pay attention to everyone else! Watch for motorcycles and bicycles.

Insurance - Make sure you know what insurance you have.

### **Avoid distractions**

Children - Pull over if you need to deal with the children.

**Pets** - Use carriers - for their safety as well as yours. Take breaks and let them out.

**Eating** - Pull over, take the time to enjoy your meal.

**Phones** - Go hands-free if you just have to be on the phone.

**Drowsiness** - Take breaks or switch off drivers.

Sources: magazine.northeast.aaa.com, nhtsa.org, blog.americansafetycouncil.com, defensivedriving.org

## Memorial Day - May 29th



#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Each year in the United States, Americans observe the Federal holiday, Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. It honors and remembers all men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day is also a day to remember all loved ones who have passed away.

#### #MemorialDay

Traditionally on Memorial Day, the flag of the United States of America is raised briskly to the top of the staff then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position where it remains until noon. At noon, it is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

Source: nationaldaycalendar.com/memorial-day-last-monday-in-may/

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