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Summer Driving: Road Trip!



Are you ready to get out and drive?
Nice weather - road trips - vacation - etc.

Driving in the Summer is a form of freedom! After the cold weather, you can open the window and get some fresh air. After short days and early nightfall, you can ride in more daylight. Summer is made for driving!

Getting you and your car ready.

Tune up. Give your car a much needed Spring/Summer tune up. Make sure to check all the hoses, fluids, lights, etc. Check the battery. Do you need new tires? Check the spare tire. Are they inflated correctly for warmer temperatures?

Rules. Brush up on the rules where you're going. Remember to use your headlights at twilight and in the rain. Cruise control is a great way to avoid speeding. And of course, wear your seat belt.

Clean out. After a long Winter, does your car need to be cleaned out? A good wash and wax. Vacuum out all the dirt and food.

Sunglasses. Invest in some sunglasses or some type of visor to cut the straight light or glare as you drive. You need to be able to see everything and everyone around you.

Footwear. Rethink driving in flip flops. If you have to move quickly - you don't want to have your flip flops getting caught in the pedals.

Stuff strapped to the roof. Be mindful of anything you strap to the roof of your car. Think about height limits and make sure it's evenly distributed so it won't shift or fly off.

Plan your route. Make sure you know your route. Have your GPS programmed. Or, for some - get that printed map out! Be prepared for detours or accidents.

Safety minded. Be extra vigilant! You have to be aware of everything and everyone around you. Remember, you are not out there alone. Other people are going places as well. Slow down and be the cautious driver this Summer.

Avoid Distractions

Children. Remember you need to focus on the road and not what they are arguing about. If you need to address them, pull over.

Pets. Your pets should be in approved carriers - not in your lap or loose to roam around.

Eating. Pull over and take the time to enjoy your food. Get out of the car and stretch your legs.

Phones! Please put the phones away. We all know it's dangerous to drive while looking at your phone - for any reason.

Drowsiness. Take breaks. Get enough sleep before.

Info sources: magazine.northeast.aaa.com and nhtsa.org

June - the start of Hurricane Season

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. Potential threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landslides.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June through November. That doesn't mean tropical storms, even hurricanes, can't form in other months.

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