



Traffic Safety News

From the Delaware Office of Highway Safety

Special Edition: Drive Safely to Work Week

Did you know that the average Delawarean commutes 24 minutes to work? That is why OHS supports Drive Safely to Work Week. The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) wants to remind everyone that ***Getting There Safely is Everyone's Business***. Whether you are the driver, passenger, pedestrian, or cyclist, it is important to focus on what you are doing and limit distractions.

What you need to know

While the number of people killed on Delaware roadways is one of the lowest on record, even one death is too many. Consider the following:

- 50 drivers and passengers, 16 motorcyclists, and 13 pedestrians have been killed in car crashes so far this year.
- 5 fatal crashes can be attributed to inattentive driving
- 27% were alcohol-related and 42% were related to aggressive driving behaviors.
- 60% of the drivers and passengers killed were not wearing seat belts. Using national statistics – 15 of those people may have survived if they had been buckled up.

What you can do

OHS has partnered with NETS and the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide you with tools that you need to avoid distractions and make smart choices, the message is clear: ***Drive Safely and Pass It On.***

You can be a role model:

- Change your cell phone's voice mail to reflect you can't take a call because you are driving. When callers hear it, maybe they will try doing the same.
- The visible act of silencing or turning off your mobile phone and stowing it in the glove box may send a message that results in your passengers emulating you the next time they are driving.
- Does your agency have a cell phone policy that either mirrors or exceeds Delaware law for employees who are drive for company business? If not be a leader and investigate options and cell phone policy language by doing an internet search.

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This message is brought to you by the Office of Highway Safety, who asks you to drive safely at all times. For more information on this and other traffic safety programs, go to www.ohs.delaware.gov.