



Traffic Safety News

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The holiday season is finally here! This year marks the 13th anniversary of the Safe Family Holiday campaign, which is OHS's major traffic safety initiative for the holiday season that includes a combination of high visibility enforcement and public awareness activities.

What you need to know

In years past, Driving under the Influence has been the biggest traffic safety concern during the holiday, but statistics show that Aggressive Driving is becoming an even bigger problem responsible for more fatal crashes so far this year than impaired driving. In response, OHS is focusing enforcement and awareness efforts during the holidays on both of these serious traffic safety issues.

What you can do

To keep your family safe during the holidays, follow these tips:

- **Slow Down and Respect the Sign.** Obey the posted speed limit signs on the roadway and stop fully at stop signs. And, remember to look all directions at traffic lights. That distracted driver may not see the red light in time to stop.
- **Always Designate a Sober Driver.** The designated driver is not the person who has had the least amount to drink, but the person who has chosen not to drink at all. If you are planning to enjoy a few cocktails at that holiday gathering, plan a safe ride home before the party begins.
- **Buckle Up.** It is your best defense against distracted, impaired, and aggressive drivers. Too many people are dying because they are not properly restrained at the time of the crash. If that isn't reason enough... it's the law.

You can find more information about these topics at www.ohs.delaware.gov. From all of us here at the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Drive Safe. Arrive Alive DE.

*This message is being sent to you the Office of Highway Safety, who asks you to drive safely at all times.
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