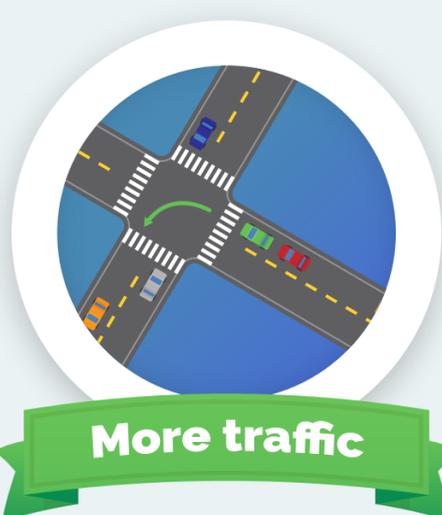


SUMMER SAFE DRIVING TIPS

More people spend time driving in the summer than at any other time of year. Not only do vacation and recreational driving increase, but so does the number of teenage drivers on the road, as well as other driving hazards. Knowing the following tips for safe summer driving can help keep you safe.

Keep these tips in mind while driving in the summer:



More drivers mean more traffic jams. Remember that vacationing drivers are often unfamiliar with the roads and may make sudden stops, lane changes, or turns. Do your best to remain patient and avoid actions that could annoy other drivers.

Studies show that teenage drivers are more likely to get into accidents in the summer than at any other time of the year. They are also the most likely age group to use cell phones while driving. Parents can help their teens by modeling attentive driving, setting curfews that prevent teens from driving too late and signing their teenager up for a safe driving course.



There are nearly 700 fatalities every year in construction zones. With more construction zones on travel routes in the summer, it's important you slow down, heed warning signs, and stay alert.

Distracted driving occurs nearly 10% more in the summer than in other seasons. Stow your phone, know your route beforehand, keep pets and children safe in the backseat and avoid making calls to family or friends when you know they're driving.



Hot weather can cause vehicles to overheat and break down. Inspect your coolant system, radiator and pressure cap to make sure they're in good condition. Consider bringing extra coolant, oil and liquids with you, especially if you're driving to a remote location.

Drunk driving is always a problem, but especially during the summer holidays. Never drink and drive. If you plan on drinking, bring a sober designated driver or find another way home.



Abiding by safe driving tips can help you and others stay safe on the road during the summer months. For answers to additional questions about safe summer driving, contact SCS Agency Inc.