

Resource Toolbox for Motor-Vehicle Safety

Summer is just around the corner. Time to wash and wax your car or truck, load up your buddies, roll down the windows, turn up the sound system, and: either 1) have a great day or 2) be moments away from tragedy. Your choice.

Check out the resources below, raise vehicle safety awareness in your unit, and have a safe summer. Whether you die in a plane crash or in a car, you're still dead.

Naval Safety Center

www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/toolbox.doc

- Leave/Liberty Statement • Pre-Trip Checklist/Brief/Counseling • Calling card for emergencies

www.navyweb.spawar.navy.mil

- The "safe ride program" is set up by commands establishing an agreement with local taxi companies. The agreement authorizes Sailors and Marines who have been drinking to call a taxi for a ride home without penalty, punishment or repercussion from their command.

AAA foundation for Traffic Safety Resources

www.aaafoundation.org/resources/index.cfm?button=links

- National Traffic Safety Organizations • Aggressive Driving • Drowsy Driving

S.A.F.E.-Stay Alive From Education (Street Smart Paramedics)

www.safeprogram.com

- Street Smart engages groups, rather than lecturing or preaching to them. Using factual information, actual medical equipment, and demonstrations involving a volunteer from the group, the paramedics provide a real-life look at the consequences of irresponsible actions.

Insurance Institute For Highway Safety

www.hwysafety.org/safety_facts/safety.htm

- The Institute conducts and publishes research on a wide range of highway-safety issues. Quick reference fact sheets by topic are provided on this web page.

Summer is often a tragic time for too many of our Sailors, Marines, their families and friends. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends is the "critical days of summer," because the fatality rate in non-operational motor-vehicle mishaps is highest during this time of year. Start planning now to avoid fatalities this summer. As you look at the statistics, don't just look at the numbers. Each number represents a spouse, a parent, a friend, and, in most cases, a preventable statistic.

Deaths in Motor-Vehicle and Motorcycle Mishaps (During the critical days of summer)

	Navy	Marine Corps
1999	32	16
2000	20	19
2001	17	10
2002	32	25
2003	20	24
2004	?	?

Remember, one lost shipmate is one too many.