

Sharing the Road

To keep everyone safe, remember to pay special attention to:

● Campers and Large Trucks

If you cannot see the truck or camper
mirrors, then the driver cannot see you.
These vehicles need extra room when
making right-hand turns. Allow them
space and maintain a safe following
distance.

● Bicyclists

Bicyclists should be given the same
courtesies as other vehicles. Bicyclists
should travel on the right and signal
appropriately.

● Pedestrians

Yield to pedestrians crossing the road.
When walking, always use the
sidewalks and crosswalks, when
present, and walk facing traffic. **Wear**
reflective clothing between dusk and dawn.

● Motorcycles

Motorcycles should be allowed the
same space as motor vehicles.
Cyclists must follow the same rules of
the road as other vehicles.

● Equestrians

Horses are easily frightened by horns
and other loud noises. Slow down and
pass with care.

● Driver Education Students

New drivers are still learning. Respect
cars with student driver identification
and avoid tailgating.

● Emergency Vehicles

Motor vehicles must pull over to the
right when an emergency vehicle is
approaching from either direction with
its lights flashing.

Maine Wildlife

Be aware the wildlife in Maine is abundant and animals often cross the roadways.

- Drive cautiously, particularly in areas where
moose and deer crossing signs are posted.
- Stay alert.
- Scan the road and roadsides ahead.
- **Reduce your speed at night.**

Watercraft and Recreational Vehicles

To be safe when using watercraft, ATV's, mopeds, bicycles and motorcycles, follow these important reminders:

● Always Wear a Helmet

Wearing a helmet is the single most important
thing you can do to protect your brain - and
your life.

● Travel at a Safe Speed

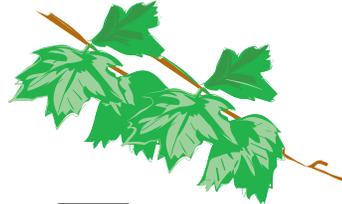
Traveling at a safe speed allows you to have
better control over your vehicle and reduces
the risk of injury.

● Never Drink and Drive

Using alcohol and drugs can impair drivers of
all vehicles and should never be used when
operating any recreational vehicle.

● Always Wear a Life Preserver

Life jackets float, you don't. Ensure that life
preservers fit properly and are worn by
EVERYONE at all times.



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The Maine Transportation Safety Coalition

Wants You to Remember that

"Safety is Always in Season"



Maine Traffic Safety Tips -SUMMER-

The Maine Transportation Safety Coalition (MTSC) is an independent, non-profit organization of transportation safety advocates. Its mission is to promote safe transportation in Maine.

Maine Traffic Safety Laws

Never Drink and Drive

The maximum legal blood alcohol content when operating a motor vehicle in Maine is:

- Drivers 21 years old and older.....0.08%
 - Drivers under 21 years old.....0.00%
 - Commercial Drivers.....0.04%
- Maine has a "zero tolerance" law for drivers under 21 years old.
 - Driving an ATV, moped, motorized boat, or other recreational vehicle while under the influence is also illegal and is a punishable offense.

Always Fasten Your Safety Belt

The MTSC recognizes the health and safety benefits of wearing your seat belt. Maine law requires all occupants to be properly secured. Children under 12 years old must be properly secured in the back seat.
FMI call: 1-800-698-3624, ext. 4288.

Always Obey the Speed Limit

Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limits in Maine are:

- School Zones:.....15 m.p.h.
- Business/Residential:.....25 m.p.h.
- Open Highways:.....45 m.p.h.*
- Interstate:.....65 m.p.h.*

*Lower Limits may be posted in some areas. Be aware of your speed and the posted limits. In Work Zones, speed limits are often reduced and fines doubled.

More Maine Traffic Safety Laws

Be Aware of Pedestrians

Pedestrians must use sidewalks and crosswalks when available. All vehicles must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Be Sure You Are Visible

Headlights **MUST** be turned on when wipers are in use.

Report Highway Incidents

Crashes involving death, personal injury, or damages of \$1,000 or more must be reported immediately to local police, sheriff, or state police.

Emergency/Information Numbers

- Maine State Police.....1-800-452-4664
(Cellular 911)
- Maine Turnpike Authority.....1-800-675-PIKE
(Travel Conditions) (7453)
- AAA.....1-800-222-4357
- MaineDOT Travel Information.....Dial 511 or
go to www.511maine.gov

For more information contact:

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Summer Means...

Many Travelers

To be safe on the roadways, remember to:

● Stay Alert

Be sure you are well-rested before you drive. If you become fatigued, please STOP and rest.

● Know Your Route

Plan ahead. Being familiar with the route you are traveling will help eliminate last- minute lane changes, sudden stops, illegal turns and other actions that lead to roadway crashes.

Work Zones

To ensure your safety in work zones remember to:

● Slow Down

"Give 'em a Brake" Be courteous to the road crew. Fines for exceeding the posted speed limit may be doubled in work zones.

● Be Attentive

Do not become distracted by construction activities. Keep your eyes on the road and be aware of construction workers located near traffic areas.

Check www.maine511.gov for up to date road conditions.

