

Massachusetts State Police Offer Holiday Driving Safety Tips

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The Massachusetts State Police are urging motorists to be safe on the roads of the Commonwealth this holiday season. Holiday events and celebrations can be exciting times for family and friends to get together. As the holiday season is approaching, motorists need to be mindful of actions that will make their holiday travel safer.

The following holiday driving safety tips are recommended for safe travel:

Plan on needing extra time to get to your final destination.

Have your car serviced before undertaking a lengthy trip.

Plan regularly scheduled breaks when traveling long distances.

Make sure all vehicle occupants wear their safety belt.

Adjust your speed to road, weather and traffic conditions.

Leave the proper amount of space between your car and the car in front of you; (One car length for every ten miles per hour).

The Mass Pike, (I-90), Phase-I of the toll removal project is ahead of schedule. Motorists are advised to devote their full attention to driving through these work zones, as lanes of travel have been shifted.

Be prepared should your car become disabled. Have the proper emergency equipment with you. For example: spare tire, lug wrench, jack, flashlight, road flares or other illuminating

devices, warm clothing as temperatures can dip well below freezing at this time of year. A cell phone is also invaluable in emergencies. You can reach the police and in turn all other emergency services in Massachusetts by dialing 911 on your cell phone.

Don't drink and drive. If you plan on celebrating with alcohol, plan on staying over or plan on having a designated driver.