# Stay Safe on the Roads This 4th of July

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The 4th of July is a time to celebrate—but it's also one of the most dangerous weekends on Virginia's roads Last year, 6 lives were lost in crashes over the four-day holiday period. As travel picks up across the state, now is the perfect time to refocus on safe driving.

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### **§** The Basics Save Lives

Slow down – Speeding remains a leading cause of fatal crashes. Buckle up – Only 81% of Virginians wear seat belts, but they're the #1 lifesaving tool in a crash.

## **(3)** Stop the Scroll—Focus on the Drive

That text, call, or playlist can wait.

Out of sight = out of mind. Silence your phone or pass it to a passenger.

#### # Teens on the Road? Talk to Them.

The 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day are the most dangerous for teen drivers. Help your teen avoid late-night driving, speeding, and distractions. Set clear rules—and be the example they follow.

## Make This 4th of July a Celebration—Not a Tragedy

NEVER drink then drive. Designate a sober driver BEFORE the party begins!

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