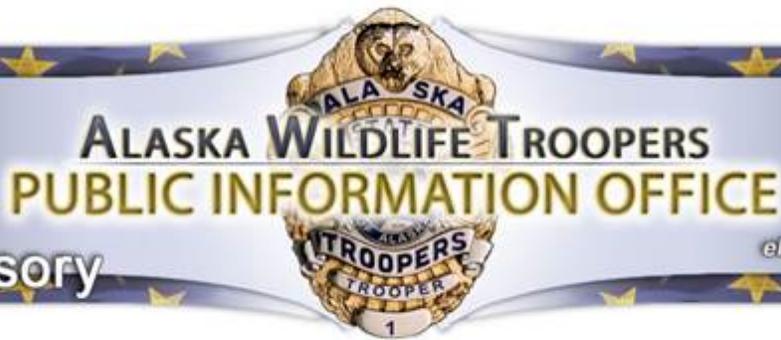


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## Media Advisory

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### Memorial Day Weekend Enforcement

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – In an effort to ensure people are enjoying the upcoming holiday weekend safely, troopers will join the many people hitting the highways and campgrounds around the state. Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial kick off to a summer filled with hiking, camping and fishing – increasing the activity on highways and recreational areas as people spread out across Alaska to enjoy the long weekend.

In addition to increased patrols for the [Click It Or Ticket campaign](#) through June 2, troopers and local law enforcement officers will be looking for motorists demonstrating poor driving behaviors such as speeding, aggressive and distracted driving, passing in no passing zones and erratic driving, to name a few. If you are in a vehicle, you should always wear your seat belt and encourage those around you to do the same. Children in vehicles should be properly restrained using the [appropriate safety equipment](#), whether it is a seat belt, a booster seat or a car seat. Funding for this focused highway enforcement was provided in part by grant sources distributed through the [Alaska Highway Safety Office](#).

The warm and sunny weather has given motorcyclists a chance to hit the roads early this riding season. This early start has unfortunately been accompanied by seven fatalities involving motorcycles in Alaska. Both four- and two-wheel motorists share the road and the [responsibility for highway safety](#). Even though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has all the same rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow motorcyclists the full width of a lane at all times. Likewise, motorcyclists should obey all traffic laws, use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn, and be properly licensed.

The holiday weekend falls at the end of Boating Safety Week. Five out of six Alaska boating fatalities are a cold water immersion related drowning following a vessel capsizing, swamping, or falling overboard, according to the [Alaska Office of Boating Safety](#). Most victims are adult males, many of whom could have survived if they had simply been wearing a life jacket. [It's the law](#) for children under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket when in an open boat, on the deck of a boat or when waterskiing. Also, there must be a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board a boat.

Troopers encourage people to continue making smart choices when getting behind the wheel or handlebars of a vehicle or watercraft throughout the summer. And as always, don't drive or ride impaired.

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