**Road Safety to Avoid Auto Accidents during the Holiday Season**

People driving on Illinois roads are always at the risk of involving in accidents, but during the holiday season, the risk increases for motorists manifold. Inclement weather, increased traffic, drunk driving, road rage, and many other factors make the holiday season particularly dangerous for everyone on the road. From Black Friday to Christmas and New Year’s Eve, it is the time when people are indulged in shopping, get togethers, family dinners, and what not, and it would completely ruin the celebration if they were involved in an accident or collision.

**Road Safety Tips**

To help you remain safe during this holiday season, we have shared a few tips that you should keep in mind to avoid becoming an auto-accident statistic:

* With increased traffic due to the holiday season, it is best that you strictly follow the rules and drive within the speed limit at all times. Speeding is among the most common contributing factors of traffic vehicle accidents, and you must neither drive slowly nor too fast, as both can be dangerous.
* Avoid drinking and driving. If you are drunk, ask a friend to drive you home or call a cab.
* Drive during the day time, as the probability of getting involved in an accident increases dramatically after dark due to lower visibility.
* Inclement weather is a major factor for increased car accidents during the holiday season because of the snow and ice. Over 116,800 Americans are injured and another 1,300 are killed in auto accidents due to icy, slushy, or snowy roads and pavements annually, according to a [report by Safe Winter Roads](http://www.safewinterroads.org/safety/). It is best that you winterize your car, and whenever possible, avoid driving in harsh weather conditions.
* Avoid distracted driving, and resist the temptation of taking calls or reading and replying to messages on your phone.
* Be extra careful about vehicles in your car’s blind spots.
* Avoid tailgating and maintain a safe distance from the vehicles ahead.
* Always check tire pressure as inadequate pressure can lead to decreased traction, increasing the chances of slipping and sliding.

**Be Mindful of Parking Lot Problems**

Aside from hazards on Illinois roads, a large number of accidents take place in parking lots. Since it is the busiest time of the year, parking lots of shopping malls and centers are usually jam-packed. People are in a rush to either secure a spot or get out of one to be on their way. If possible, you should find a parking spot that is a bit further away from the mall. While you may have to walk a few blocks, you can avoid heavy flow of vehicles coming in and out of the parking lot. If you are a pedestrian, be sure to be vigilant of your surroundings to avoid getting hit by any oncoming vehicles.

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We wish a safe and happy holiday season to you and your family!