



COALITION FOR CONSTRUCTION(CCS) SAFETY MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SAFETY

DATE: MAY 21, 2019

Our first three-day weekend of summer is here. Memorial Day weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 24 and ends at 11:59 p.m. Monday May 27. Memorial Day honors Americans who have died in service to their country.

Interesting Memorial Day Facts:

45M Veterans have served the country in wartime.

15M Estimated number of wartime veterans living in 2019

656K Members of the military services have lost their lives in conflict.

260K Graves at Arlington National Cemetery are adorned with American flags each Memorial Day.

96 Members of the 116th Congress have served in the U.S. Military.

3:00 p.m. The National Moment of Remembrance, as designated by congress in 2000.

The National Safety Council estimates 380 people will potentially die in vehicle accidents during this holiday weekend and another 43,000 people seriously injured. This is the first time in the last four years this estimation is less than 400 fatalities for the three-day weekend for an estimated 42.8 million Americans that plan to travel over Memorial Day Weekend 3.6% increase from 2018.

36% of all traffic fatalities that occur over Memorial Day weekend are alcohol related.

Here are some of the precautions we can take during this holiday:

- Obey traffic signs and signals – especially speed limits.
- Don't be distracted – texting continues to be the biggest distraction.
- Wear a seatbelt – wear it properly.
- Make sure children are restrained in the right seat for their ages and sizes.
- Drive Sober.

Thank you in advance and have a safe holiday!

Sources: U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Administration, National Safety Council, American Automobile Association, and Memorial Day Foundation.