



What COVID-19 Response Can Teach Us

Upcoming Safety Observances

June

- National Safety Month
- National Trailer Safety Week
June 7-13
- National Ride to Work Day
June 15

July

- National Firework Safety Month
- National Theft Prevention Month
- National Heatstroke Prevention Day
July 31

August

- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Back to School
- Stop on Red Week
August 2-8
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
August 19-23

Free resources are available on the Utah NETS webpage to assist you during these observance periods.

For more information, visit UTAHSAFETYCOUNCIL.ORG or call 801.746.SAFE (72333).

Amid many drastic changes to daily life, road safety remains a critical focal point for safety. Communities across the U.S. are facing uncertainties and grappling with how to address the needs of individuals while combating the historic COVID-19 pandemic. People are adapting rapidly, changing the way we work and educate, staying closer to home than usual and discovering strength by finding new ways to support neighbors. We are facing an unprecedented challenge, and it is heartening to see individuals and organizations rising to meet it.

Transportation - and our way of thinking about transportation systems and roadway fatalities - have been impacted by coronavirus, too. For years, roadway fatalities, a public health crisis in their own right, have been the primary focus of transportation officials and advocates as they work to find and implement life-saving strategies. Now more than ever, we must make our streets safer so our first responders and healthcare workers can remain focused on treating and containing the virus.

The nearly 40,000 lives lost on the roads each year never strike the same kind of urgency this global pandemic has created, except among those working in transportation safety and planning, including the Road to Zero Coalition and National Safety Council. For us, zero is the only acceptable number. As we look at how COVID-19 is impacting transportation safety, we have an opportunity to make changes that will yield long-term success and help us rethink our transportation systems.

People are acting quickly, decisively and collectively around issues of safety. Roadway safety can and should be a part of this. Currently, fewer people are driving, and many are using alternative forms of transportation they might not have previously considered. Driving safely has become a form of civic responsibility; no one wants to overburden our healthcare system by redirecting resources to preventable crashes.

For the Road to Zero Coalition, the actions and discussions taking place at the local, state and national levels demonstrate that we can change the way people use and think about transportation to create systemic changes and reduce fatalities and injuries. It expands our way of thinking, bringing a multi-modal approach to transportation and emphasizing the need to have goods and services within close distance to where people live. It challenges how we think about our roadways and whether they can be a destination as well as a route. It brings transportation into the discussions of public health, environment, access and equity. In time, we can realize our goal of zero roadway deaths if we have the will to make necessary changes.

Over the next several months, the Road to Zero Coalition will release a series of posts, webinars and resources to help illustrate how transportation and roadway safety is being transformed through COVID-19 and how the Road to Zero strategy can inform conversations both today and tomorrow. We will be looking at our existing Road to Zero strategy to not only make recommendations for reducing roadway fatalities in the time of COVID-19, but improving transportation safety in the post-pandemic world.

Source: National Safety Council

Driving Safely During the Summer Months



Summer brings warm temperatures, which means more people traveling on the roads. Here are some tips to keep you safe and your car running properly.

TIRE CARE

Tire care, while important throughout the year, is especially critical in warm weather because long trips, heavy loads, high speeds and higher temperatures all put additional stress on your tires.

Check your tires regularly to be sure there are no visible signs of wear or damage.

Be sure your tires are properly inflated. Check your tire pressure often with a gauge, especially on long trips. Measure

when the tires are cold, before you drive on them. You can find the recommended inflation pressure in your owner's manual, on a label frequently found in the glove box, near the door latch on the driver's side, or other locations on your vehicle. The recommended inflation pressure is not to be confused with the maximum inflation pressure shown on the side of the tire. At the recommended inflation pressure, tires will last longer and be less likely to fail, and the car will use less fuel. Serious injury can result from tire failure because of under inflation or overloading.

Never overload your vehicle. Your car and tires are designed to operate safely only up to their load limits. These limits are shown in your owner's manual and on the certification plate on the edge of the driver's door.

Make sure there is enough tread on the tire to operate safely, and make sure the tires are wearing normally. All grooves should be visible and deep enough to at least touch the top of Lincoln's head on a penny inserted head first in the tread. Low tread or bald tires are unsafe and need to be replaced.

If some spots on the tire seem to be wearing faster than others, see your service station or mechanic. You could have misaligned wheels, worn shock absorbers, or other potential problems. Make sure your tires are aligned and balanced properly.

Don't drive at a high rate of speed for a long time, particularly in hot weather. Obey posted speed limits. Lower speeds also mean better gas mileage.

OVERHEATING

A common cause of breakdowns is overheating, especially during summertime. Your cooling system should be completely flushed and refilled as recommended in your owner's manual. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.) If your car overheats — or if you are doing regular maintenance at home — never remove the radiator cap until the engine has thoroughly cooled. A professional should check the tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps, and hoses.

Annual Awards and Meeting - August 14th

We are accepting nominations for award categories. These are due June 30th. Please visit our website at www.utahsafetycouncil.org to download a nomination form. Award nomination forms can be submitted to awards@utahsafetycouncil.org or mailed to us at the office.

We are confident the Utah Safety Council will have the opportunity to stage our Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon at the Little America Hotel this August like we have in the past. We are communicating with management at Little America and closely monitoring Utah's COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and directives. As you are all aware, the situation is very fluid, and we will keep you all informed with our plans for the event. We are dedicated to recognizing the achievements in safety from all our members in Utah's business and industries over this past year, so the show must go on even if we have to produce the event in a virtual format and deliver the awards in a creative way.

For questions or further information, please contact Nichole Rilke, Traffic Safety Program Manager at 801.746. SAFE (7233) or at nrilke@utahsafetycouncil.org.



Motorcycle Lane Filtering in Utah



What Is Lane Filtering?

“Lane filtering” means, when operating a motorcycle other than an autocycle, the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane.

In short: lane filtering refers to the process of a motorcyclist moving between two lanes to the front of traffic stopped at an intersection.

Here is a refresher on the Motorcycle Lane Filtering in Utah that went into effect on May 14,2019.

Drivers and riders will need to be aware of this new behavior and the specific circumstances under which it is permitted.

Motorcycles Can Only Lane Filter When:

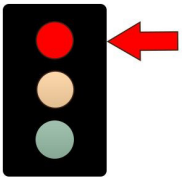


Speed limit on road is 45 mph or less

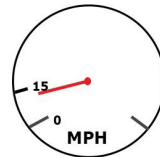
Never on freeways



Road must have 2 or more adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel



Motorcycles can only lane filter between STOPPED vehicles



Motorcycle speed cannot be more than 15 mph when filtering



The movement may be made SAFELY

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety





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