



Join Me in Taking the Buckle Up Phone Down Challenge

As you all know, reducing the number of fatal crashes on our roadways is one of my goals. The safety of our roadways is a passion of mine so as we move into 2018 I want to ask all of you to make it a passion of yours.

MoDOT and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety are challenging all Missourians to take the Buckle Up Phone Down challenge - and that begins with you.



Why should you take this pledge? Preliminary numbers show that in 2017, 64 percent of the 928 people killed in crashes on Missouri highways were not wearing a safety belt. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that in 2015, cell phones were involved in 2,237 crashes.

At this time Missouri has no primary safety belt law and only bans texting by drivers 21 and under. Until that changes we need everyone to pledge to buckle their seatbelts and put down their phones.

For more information and to take the pledge go to <http://www.modot.org/BuckleUpPhoneDown/>.

Winter is Just Getting Started - Know Before You Go

So far this winter has been a relatively mild one, but winter is not over. February and March can be the snowiest months of the year so here are a few winter weather safety tips for the next storm:

- Slow down and allow extra time for your drive. Also, remember to give snow plows and salt trucks room to work. That means never passing a plow.
- Check road conditions before you leave by going to MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org. You can also download the app to your cell phone or tablet.



- Make sure your car is winterized with fresh antifreeze, a good battery, good tires and new windshield wipers.
- Equip your vehicle with an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, a first aid kit, a blanket, a small shovel and bottled water.



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