

July 2021 Firm Newsletter | Summer Safety



Talk to Teens About Driving Safety

Parents should be speaking with their teenagers about the dangers of summer driving. It is particularly important now to have this conversation since the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is considered the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer.

The ***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*** estimates that drivers between the ages of 16 and 19 years old are three times more likely to be involved in a deadly ***motor vehicle crash***. As more people get out on the road this summer, there will be more opportunities for an accident. Reminding teenagers about the dangers of the road will hopefully keep the number of accidents down this season.



Keep Your Pool Safe and Fun

As temperatures continue to rise, there is no better place to cool off than the pool. For those who have their own pool, it can be a convenient and great option to escape from the sweltering temperatures. It is also a source

of danger, especially for young children. Helpful pool safety tips include:

- **Swim lessons for children:** The best way to assure that children know how to handle themselves in the water is by teaching them. Swim lessons will alleviate any misgivings they have about the water and teach them what to do if they happen to fall in.
- **Watch children near water:** Even when children know how to swim, they should never be left unattended by a pool. Even if it is at a public pool, a lifeguard cannot be relied upon to see everything that goes on.
- **Keep children away from drains:** Drains are an aspect of the pool that most do not notice. However, the powerful suction that they emanate can latch on to a child's bathing suit, hair, or body and suck them underwater. Parents should install an effective drain cover to prevent a child from getting caught.
- **Install proper pool barriers:** When no one is using the pool, it should be well-protected from children who want to play in the backyard. Installing proper fences, barriers, alarms, and covers can be lifesaving.
- **Learn CPR:** CPR can help save the life of a drowning victim. It is a good idea to find a local place to learn this life-saving skill.



Get Grilling!

The summer is a great time to gather with friends and family and dust off the old grill. Before deciding to light up the grill, conduct a thorough safety check. That means making sure that all gas lines are properly attached and that there are no leaks.

The grill should also be several feet from any structures or plants to prevent them from catching fire. Before lighting the fire, the grill should be thoroughly cleaned so that a random ember does not light up any debris in the grill. Children should also be kept clear from the area, and a fire extinguisher should be near in case flames get out of control.



When it Comes to Safety, Professional Fireworks are Best

While it is legal to purchase fireworks in Pennsylvania, the safest option is to watch a professional show. Illustrating the dangers of home fireworks, the **Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)** reported that in 2020, more than 15,000 people required medical treatment due to firework-related



incidents. Out of these injuries, 44 percent were burns to the eyes, head, and hands.

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