



HOLIDAY TRAVEL REMINDERS

The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year, and with all the excitement travelers can become more focused on celebrations than getting to their destination as safely as possible. Following these travel tips will keep everyone safe on the road and in the air:

An **emergency road kit** is important to have in case of a breakdown or accident.

Ideally, **travel outside of the heaviest days** to avoid congestion - which are the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday afterward.

Get your **car road-ready** and start your trip with a full tank of gas.

Make sure you plan for **weather contingencies** on the way to your destination and be prepared for inclement weather on your way back home and when you arrive.

Don't be distracted. It's illegal to text and drive in Tennessee and drivers who text and drive are 23 times more likely to get into a crash than those who don't.

Don't drink and drive.

At airports, food items in your carry-on luggage must be in clear plastic bags and less than 3.4 ounces.

Thanksgiving is the busiest time of the year at airports; packing smartly will help security lines move along quickly.

Plan ahead. Know where you're going and how you're going to get there. Download the latest GPS data or obtain a new map. Check for construction detours, and consult a reliable weather application throughout your travels.

Don't post news that you're out of town, particularly not online on social networks which are open to the public.

Notify Fairfield Glade Public Safety when you're out of town or on vacation and request a security check while you're away.

Lower the volume on your home telephone ringer; no need to imply you're away with the chiming of repeated rings.



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Leave your keys and responsibilities with a trusted neighbor or friend; have them pick-up your mail and any deliveries, and occasionally move your parked car around. Don't hide your keys outside; burglars will enjoy hunting for them.

Secure doors and windows; eliminate ladders or house-hugging tree limbs to make sure there's no easy access to upstairs windows.

Consider operating several of your interior lights with a timer so you've always got something lit at night. Remember it's a good idea to stagger the on and off times on the timers so it appears as if someone is at home.

If you normally do not leave your outside lights on, don't leave them on when you're away. This is a sure sign that no one is home. **Exterior lights that operate with a photocell** will provide the same impression as timers on your interior lights.

Investing in a security alarm system is a good idea anytime and adds additional security and peace of mind when you're away.

"KEEP SAFE BY BEING PREPARED"