

Risk Management Division

Labor Day Weekend

AUG-SEPT 2014



"Breathing Life Into Safety"

Weekend Safety Tips

Activities:

- *Made in America (MIA) 2014*
- *Barbeque*
- *Swimming*
- *Camping*
- *Road Trips*



Every year, 10,000 fatalities on the roadway can be tied to alcohol according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). That equals up to 20 jumbo jets crashing every year.

In the last 5 years, 750 people died in drunk driving accidents over the labor day weekend (NHTSA).

An average of 1 drunk driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2012 (NHTSA).

[Drive sober, or get pulled over.](#)

Sound familiar?

Whether your Labor Day weekend plans involve something traditional such as a back yard barbeque, swimming, or the mega production Made in America 2014 on the Ben Franklin Parkway, safety should always be foremost in your mind.

Barbeques, whether old fashioned charcoal briquettes, or propane fueled, both present a fire hazard. A **fire extinguisher** or even a simple hose should be kept nearby in the event that the barbeque gets out of control.

Swimming in itself brings about thoughts of fun and keeping cool in the summer heat. Whether swimming in a backyard or community pool, or in a river or lake, caution should be taken. Always swim with a buddy, or in groups, taking care to keep an eye on the young ones. Just because a person may be a good swimmer, doesn't mean that they can't experience some trouble in the water. Use caution in rivers and lakes, or bodies of water where you can't judge the depth. Don't dive into bodies of water where you can't see the bottom.

Camping can be fun and exciting to all ages. As long as you don't mind roughing it a bit, camping can be a good form of recreation. Once again, fire safety is important, don't start fires with gasoline or other highly flammable fuels. Use caution when around the fire, that the sparks are contained enough not to spread to either the tents or the surrounding woods.

Lastly, we always hear of how many **road trips** people take during labor day weekend. Trips to the beach are popular, whether just for the day, or for an extended stay. Practice a little **preventative maintenance** on your vehicle, check all of the **fluids** before setting out on a **trip**, check your tires for both **tread** and **inflation**. A properly inflated **tire** can save money on the fuel bill. When in doubt, ask an auto **mechanic** to look your car over, after all isn't that what they know best? Always **drive sober**, or get a **sober ride** if you plan to be drinking alcohol, and encourage **non-alcoholic** drink options at any events that you may be participating in.

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