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## Labor Day Safety

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**Don't Be a Statistic: Drive Safe This Labor Day**

### [The National Safety Council releases traffic fatality estimates and safety tips for Labor Day weekend](#)

The National Safety Council released traffic fatality [estimates](#) for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. The Council estimates 400 traffic fatalities will occur over the Labor Day holiday weekend and another 38 medically consulted injuries will be sustained from motor vehicle collisions. For the past six years, the Labor Day weekend has averaged 14.6 percent more traffic fatalities than similar non-holiday periods.

The Council also estimates 142 people may survive the holiday weekend because they will have worn safety belts, while another 102 lives would have been saved if all had worn safety belts. Because Labor Day weekend is one of the busiest and deadliest times on U.S. roadways, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will enforce a [National Impaired Driving Crackdown](#). During this time, law enforcement officials will focus their attention on impaired drivers.



The Labor Day holiday is often seen as the unofficial end to summer. So if you choose to celebrate with an end-of-season barbecue, take a moment to review some helpful tips that will keep you, your family and friends safe.

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects or food grease. Push any blockage through to the main part of the burner.
  - Inspect the propane hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks.
- NEVER use a flame to check for gas leaks.**
- Inspect the propane tank. If it has dents, gouges, bulges, corrosion, leakage, or excessive rust, return the tank to the propane gas distributor.
  - Move propane hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease.
  - Have a qualified repair-person make all repairs – do not attempt it yourself.



The upcoming Labor Day holiday is expected to bring people to the water in celebration the lasted warm weather weekend.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Division stresses the importance of safety for all boat drivers and passengers. "While the Labor Day holiday weekend is not typically as busy as early and mid-summer holidays, there still is a need for increased safety awareness from all boaters.



So far this year there have been 68 boating incidents, 8 boating incident-related fatalities and 22 total drownings on Georgia waters.