



Holiday Crime Prevention Tip of the Day: Safe Driving (#4 in a Series)

Traffic volume will be increasing, so let's be extra careful on the roadways as you finish up your Christmas shopping and running errands.

Safe Driving:

- **Wear** your seatbelt. Make sure children are safely buckled in. Seatbelts save lives!
- **Lights on** when raining.
- **Reduce DISTRACTIONS** inside the vehicle: texting, talking on phone or other passengers, changing the stereo, etc. If you need to, pull over into a parking lot to look at the map or finish up a phone call.
- **DECREASE your speed:** speed limits are set for "ideal" conditions. This means daytime, dry and normal traffic volume. When it is wet, dark, or heavy/congested traffic, reduce your speed no matter what street you are on.
- **Don't Tailgate!** In IDEAL conditions, the minimum following distance is for every 10 MPH=20 feet of distance. So, if you are traveling 40MPH, that is 80 feet (or 26.67 yards) of distance between your front bumper and the rear of the vehicle ahead of you.
- **Do not** drink and drive.
- **HAVE PATIENCE!!!!** The roads and the traffic lights were made for a certain amount of volume. When this volume gets dramatically increased and parking lots get full, there is only so much we can do. We will do our best to manually work the worst intersections. Have patience and we will try to get you in and out of traffic the best we can. We want you to arrive home safely.

One major bottleneck is usually the I-459 Galleria Flyover onto James Wilson Pkwy (the road Costco is on, headed inbound to the Galleria). Keep in mind there are 2 left turn lanes onto James Wilson Pkwy, not just one. Also remember there are multiple entrances to the Galleria off of Hwy 150 and Hwy 31. For more excellent information on safe driving, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

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