

# 101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER 2014

Risk management has a role in everything we do, both on and off duty. It continues to be the job of the safety professionals to provide guidance to all Airmen about the dangers of the season. Airmen use sound risk management every day on duty and, while the main focus of the Critical Days of Summer campaign is off duty activities, Airmen must use the same risk management techniques in all circumstances.

*Chapter 15*  
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## Chapter 15: One Foot in Heaven

### Topic: Safety for Last Summer Holiday

Many people view the Labor Day weekend as the end of summer and their last chance to travel, hit the beach, fire up the grill, etc. The Automobile Association of America estimated 34.1 million Americans traveled on the 2013 holiday weekend. The National Safety Council estimated almost 400 deaths just from traffic incidents and over 42,000 “medically consulted injuries.” If you are celebrating this weekend, review the previous Chapters before you begin your festivities.

The American Red Cross offers safety tips to help everyone have a safe and enjoyable holiday. “While many people will spend the Labor Day weekend traveling and spending time with family and friends, no one should take a vacation from safety,” says Phil Hansen, Regional Chapter Executive of the American Red Cross Northern Minnesota Region. “It’s still important that people work to remain vigilant on the road, at the beach and at cookouts.”

The National Safety Council offers the following reminders for the weekend:

- Don’t drink and drive. Law officials will be in full force focusing attention on impaired drivers.
- If you do drink, make arrangements for a designated driver or a taxi.
- Wear your seat belt. It is estimated that 148 people may survive collisions this weekend because they will have worn safety belts.
- Enforce a distraction-free zone for drivers. This includes cell phones, GPS, etc.
- Ensure children are in properly installed safety seats appropriate for their size.
- Allow plenty of travel time to discourage speeding and frustration.
- Drive alert and exercise extreme caution at all times.

After reviewing the previous Chapters and the risk management model and add the following information, you will be better prepared for a safe weekend.

<http://www.nsc.org/Pages/NSC-Estimates-Nearly-400-Fatalities-from-Crashes-this-Labor-Day-Weekend.aspx>

<http://traveltips.usatoday.com/labor-day-driving-tips-21014.html>

<http://newsroom.aaa.com/2013/08/34-1-million-traveling-for-labor-day-says-aaa-highest-since-recession-driven-decline/>

<https://www.my.af.mil/trips/af/Login.aspx>

