



Columbus Day Weekend Safety

USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekend, 9-12 October 2015

Please!

Let us enjoy the long weekend while being safe and responsible. Always keep in mind that everything is better in moderation - and slowing down reduces accidents. Please remember the following hazards as we move into the fall season:

Morning Fog. If visibility drops below 50 meters (150 feet), turn on your fog lights and slow down to 50 km/h. We must adjust speed to conditions, drive defensively, and use seat belts.

Rain and Wet Leaves. Wet roads are slippery. Slow down in curves, and increase your following distance. If hydroplaning occurs, let off the gas pedal and steer straight ahead to regain control. Watch for deep puddles in low lying areas and beneath overpasses.

Darkness. Limited visibility makes hazards harder to see. Be alert to pedestrians, bicycle riders, potholes, and wild animals. Adjust speed for headlight distance and reaction time.

Morning Frost and Black Ice. When encountered, don't overreact or hit the brakes. Let off the gas to maintain/regain traction, gently steer to correct any skid, and continue at a reduced speed. Let us be alert, particularly in shady areas.

Winterize Your Vehicle. Install winter tires, ensure your lights work, replace worn wipers, check engine coolant, and top-off your windshield washer fluid before adverse weather hits. We need to get our vehicles ready for the cold.

Don't Drink and Drive!!! Use common sense, plan ahead, and intervene if necessary to keep your buddies and friends out of trouble.

*Plan for Responsible +
lawful use of Alcohol...
if you plan to
use alcohol.
MOST criminal
behavior in the command
has involved the Irresponsible
use of alcohol.*

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