



Safety During the Holiday Season

USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekends, 24-27 Dec 15 & 31 Dec 15–3 Jan 16

Christmas and New Year’s holiday weekends provide an opportunity to gather with Family and friends, reflect on our blessings, travel, or relax. Let’s keep in mind that the winter Holiday Season requires a special focus on safety. Please be cognizant of the following hazards:

Alcohol Related Vehicle Accidents. Every accident, injury, and death caused by drunk driving is preventable. If hosting a party, offer non-alcoholic beverages as an option and monitor guests for signs of intoxication. Don’t drink and drive! Never allow your guests or friends to drive after alcohol consumption!

Winter Conditions. Snow and ice make roads and sidewalks slippery. Slow down and ensure the vehicle you’re driving has winter tires with sufficient tread. Increase your following distance and exercise caution when applying brakes. When walking or running outside, wear proper footwear and be diligent.

Fireworks. Never let children play with them. Fireworks are loud, flashy, and quick and can burn, blind, or even kill in the blink of an eye. Most importantly, use common sense if fireworks are part of your celebration. Please keep in mind that in most German communities, use of fireworks is only permitted from 1800 on New Year’s Eve until 0100 on New Year’s Day.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season – Don’t Let an Accident Spoil it!

Take care of each other!

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