

SAFETY FIRST



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SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN CONVENIENCE!

BACK TO SCHOOL
SAFETY



Vehicle Maintenance

- Keep your headlights cleaned and in proper working order, making sure they are aligned.
- Do a vehicle walk around to ensure all lights (flashers, blinkers, brake lights) are working properly.
- Replace your windshield wiper blades if they show any signs of wear.
- Check your tires for air pressure and tread life and take a look at the spare too.
- Top off the fluids and check belts and hoses for wear
- Have your vehicle serviced, before winter sets in.
- Keep an emergency car safety kit in your vehicle.

Reasons to Buckle Up!

- Statistics show **Seat Belts Work! Seat Belts Save Lives**, period!
- It is a **Good Habit to acquire**, especially if you want your children to Buckle Up!
- It **Ensures Your Safety on the road**, so you can get home to your family!
- You'll **be Protected from the unexpected** – should another driver hits your vehicle
- It is **The Law!**
- And finally, **It's the Right Thing to Do!**

**So Buckle up, and the next time you see a person forget to Buckle up, remind them that –
Seat belt SAVES LIVES !**

October: Observing National Work and Family Month

In 2010, the U.S. Senate declared October National Work and Family Month believing that “*supporting a balance between work and personal life is in the best interest of national worker productivity*” and that “*reducing the conflict between work and family life should be a national priority.*” The Senate asked the President to “*issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe ‘National Work and Family Month’ with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*”

Work and Family Month is designed to communicate and celebrate the progress towards creating healthier and more flexible work environments. The goal of the campaign is to remind employers about the business benefits of supporting work-life effectiveness programs.

Words for a Successful Life from Lou Holtz

Do the right thing. “*We’ve all had injustices done to us by society, a spouse, or a friend, but you can’t go through life being bitter. We’re always blaming someone else. Wherever we are it’s because of the choices we made.*” **Move on, make good choices going forward, and focus on doing the right thing!**

Show people you care. “*Ask how can I help you? Develop a deep-down desire to help people.*” **Success requires Teamwork, step up and do your part!**

Do everything to the best of your ability. “*Not everybody will be an All-American. Not everybody will be first team, but everybody can do the best they can with the time allotted.*” **Those who go the farthest in life see every challenge as an Opportunity!**

Halloween Costumes What to Wear and Avoid

No matter what your child wants to dress up as for Halloween, a few costume tricks can lead to a safe and fun night of treats.

- Buy costumes that are labeled “**flame resistant.**”
- Avoid baggy, billowing skirts and cloaks that might brush against a candle-lit jack-o'-lantern or luminary.
- Be cautious when using makeup for face paint. Much of it isn't approved by the Food and Drug Administration and could trigger allergic reactions. Test a small area a few days before Halloween prior to applying liberally
- Never use decorative contact lenses because they can cause severe eye infections.
- Make sure your kids won't trip over their costumes, and avoid accessories like swords and canes that have sharp edges.
- Be wary of masks that could block your child's vision.

October

There are more than 15,000 welding equipment-related eye injuries a year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Power tools come in second, contributing to nearly 10,000 eye injuries a year. Wear the correct safety eyewear so YOU don't become a statistic!

- Good vision is priceless! Luckily, 90% of all workplace eye injuries are preventable with the use of proper safety eyewear. Yet, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that workplace eye injuries cost over \$467 million a year. With indirect costs, such as legal fees, judgments and training new workers, the estimated total is more than \$934 million each year. **Wear your Eye Protection!**