Sharing the Road
To keep everyone safe, remember to pay special attention to:

- **Campers and Large Trucks**
  If you cannot see the truck or camper mirrors, then the driver cannot see you. These vehicles need extra room when making right-hand turns. Allow them space and maintain a safe following distance.

- **Bicyclists**
  Bicyclists should be given the same courtesies as other vehicles. Bicyclists should travel on the right and signal appropriately.

- **Pedestrians**
  Yield to pedestrians crossing the road. When walking, always use the sidewalks and crosswalks, when present, and walk facing traffic. **Wear reflective clothing between dusk and dawn.**

- **Motorcycles**
  Motorcycles should be allowed the same space as motor vehicles. Cyclists must follow the same rules of the road as other vehicles.

- **Equestrians**
  Horses are easily frightened by horns and other loud noises. Slow down and pass with care.

- **Driver Education Students**
  New drivers are still learning. Respect cars with student driver identification and avoid tailgating.

- **Emergency Vehicles**
  Motor vehicles must pull over to the right when an emergency vehicle is approaching from either direction with its lights flashing.

**Maine Wildlife**
Be aware the wildlife in Maine is abundant and animals often cross the roadways.
- Drive cautiously, particularly in areas where moose and deer crossing signs are posted.
- Stay alert.
- Scan the road and roadsides ahead.
- **Reduce your speed at night.**

**Watercraft and Recreational Vehicles**
To be safe when using watercraft, ATV’s, mopeds, bicycles and motorcycles, follow these important reminders:
- **Always Wear a Helmet**
  Wearing a helmet is the single most important thing you can do to protect your brain - and your life.
- **Travel at a Safe Speed**
  Traveling at a safe speed allows you to have better control over your vehicle and reduces the risk of injury.
- **Never Drink and Drive**
  Using alcohol and drugs can impair drivers of all vehicles and should never be used when operating any recreational vehicle.
- **Always Wear a Life Preserver**
  Life jackets float, you don’t. Ensure that life preservers fit properly and are worn by **EVERYONE** at all times.

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Maine Traffic Safety Laws

Never Drink and Drive
The maximum legal blood alcohol content when operating a motor vehicle in Maine is:

- Drivers 21 years old and older..............0.08%
- Drivers under 21 years old.................0.00%
- Commercial Drivers..........................0.04%

Maine has a "zero tolerance" law for drivers under 21 years old.

Driving an ATV, moped, motorized boat, or other recreational vehicle while under the influence is also illegal and is a punishable offense.

Always Fasten Your Safety Belt
The MTSC recognizes the health and safety benefits of wearing your seat belt. Maine law requires all occupants to be properly secured. Children under 12 years old must be properly secured in the back seat. FMI call: 1-800-698-3624, ext. 4288.

Always Obey the Speed Limit
Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limits in Maine are:

- School Zones:..............................15 m.p.h.
- Business/Residential:......................25 m.p.h.
- Open Highways:.........................45 m.p.h.*
- Interstate:..................................65 m.p.h.*

*Lower Limits may be posted in some areas. Be aware of your speed and the posted limits. In Work Zones, speed limits are often reduced and fines doubled.

More Maine Traffic Safety Laws

Be Aware of Pedestrians
Pedestrians must use sidewalks and crosswalks when available. All vehicles must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Be Sure You Are Visible
Headlights MUST be turned on when wipers are in use.

Report Highway Incidents
Crashes involving death, personal injury, or damages of $1,000 or more must be reported immediately to local police, sheriff, or state police.

Emergency/Information Numbers
Maine State Police..............1-800-452-4664 (Cellular 911)
Maine Turnpike Authority........1-800-675-PIKE (Travel Conditions) (7453)
AAA.............................................1-800-222-4357
MaineDOT Travel Information........Dial 511 or go to www.511maine.gov

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Summer Means...

Many Travelers
To be safe on the roadways, remember to:

- Stay Alert
  Be sure you are well-rested before you drive. If you become fatigued, please STOP and rest.
- Know Your Route
  Plan ahead. Being familiar with the route you are traveling will help eliminate last-minute lane changes, sudden stops, illegal turns and other actions that lead to roadway crashes.

Work Zones
To ensure your safety in work zones remember to:

- Slow Down
  "Give 'em a Brake" Be courteous to the road crew. Fines for exceeding the posted speed limit may be doubled in work zones.
- Be Attentive
  Do not become distracted by construction activities. Keep your eyes on the road and be aware of construction workers located near traffic areas.

Check www.maine511.gov for up to date road conditions.