



APCIA'S SAFE DRIVING TIPS



#HeadsUp

Insurance Claims on the Rise



Buckle up.

The number one driving safety tip is to buckle up. Seat belts save lives and help prevent injuries. Also, make sure kids are in the proper car or booster seats.

Plan ahead and allow extra travel time.



More people on the road—especially in unfamiliar places—means the potential for more accidents. Plan your route in advance when traveling on unfamiliar roads to avoid being distracted by the GPS.



Observe speed limits, including lower speeds in work zones.

Stay focused on the road and aware of changing traffic patterns caused by construction. Enforcement penalties for texting while driving are often higher in construction zones. Be especially aware of construction workers are on the highway.

Avoid distracted driving.



When the entire family is traveling in the car, there are many things that will distract attention away from the road. Remember to put the phone down. Never hold the phone or text while driving. Be careful when eating lunch it can be just as distracting as a cell phone. Secure pets in the back of the car.



Have a plan for roadside assistance.

If a crash occurs, be wary of unscrupulous towing companies. Have the phone number for your insurer or a roadside assistance program ready so you know who to call. Some towing companies take advantage of drivers after a crash and you could find yourself facing excessive fees or complications getting the car out of the tow yard.