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Buckle Up This Thanksgiving

The National Highway Transportation Safety Association and Kalfus & Nachman would like to remind everyone that during the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday weekend, over 300 people were killed in traffic accidents. Over half of those killed were not wearing their seatbelts when the accident occurred. Virginia State Police reported a total of 11 deaths in Virginia from traffic accidents during the 2013 Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Eight of the 11 people killed were not wearing seatbelts. Kalfus & Nachman is joining the campaign to ask everyone to buckle up. **Every Trip. Every Time.**



November is Child Safety Protection Month

We would like to share a few Thanksgiving weekend holiday travel tips with you.

Keep a Close eye on Your Kids - When making rest, fuel or food stops, keep an eye on your children and remind them not to talk to strangers.

In case of an emergency please remember to pack the following items in your emergency kit:

- Blanket
- Car Cell Phone Charger
- Roadside Assistance #
- Water
- Non-Perishable Snack
- Ice Scrapper or Ice Melt

We are spreading the word through Social Media on how to make your holiday travels safe via the highways....Go to our **Facebook Page (Kalfus & Nachman)** or **Twitter Page @KalfusNachman** and be the first (10) fans to post your best holiday travel survival tip that got you and your family safely to your Thanksgiving Holiday Destination, along with a photo.

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We will send you a Roadside Emergency Kit FREE, that's correct for FREE.....don't forget to tweet #KalfusNachmanHolidaySafety your attorneys "that mean business about safety".

Contest Rules: (one entry per person, submissions must be original safety tips, you must be over 18 years old to win, safety tips must be posted on Facebook before 11/30/2014 @11:59 pm., Kalfus & Nachman reserves the right to disqualify entry, winner will be selected by Kalfus & Nachman)

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS THIS MONTH ALONG WITH – Our Office Veterans at Kalfus & Nachman



- Abe Kalfus
- Blair Smircina
- James "Jim" Fagley
- Elizabeth "Beth" Kysar
- Harold "Chip" Saunders

Our Attorneys in the Spotlight



We were honored to have Attorney Paul Hernandez speak on October 16, 2014 at the Virginia Trial Lawyers Sources of Coverage Seminar on Medical Payments Coverage in Automobile Accidents. Great Job Paul!



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**Ask an Attorney
a Question**

Holiday Decorating Safety

This time of year, have fun with you and your family decorating your home! Unfortunately, holiday decorations of poor quality or used without regard to fire safety can cause home structure fires.

Candles certainly make a home look festive. Be sure to place them in glass, metal or pottery holders and keep well away from the reach of children and flammable substances.

In fact, the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) reports that U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home fires each holiday season, many of them started by Christmas trees. Keep these tips in mind if your decorations include a Christmas tree:

- Choose a fresh tree with needles that bend. Cut two inches from the bottom and place in water, and top it off every day.
- Select artificial trees that are labeled or certified fire retardant.
- Display the tree at least three feet away from heat sources or open flames.
- Use only lights that display labels from testing laboratories and discard any with frayed wires. Don't string together any more than the manufacturer recommends.
- Turn off tree and other decorative lights before retiring for the night or leaving the house.
- Take down a fresh tree when it begins to lose its needles and dispose of it safely or recycle it.



The holiday season is the perfect time to review basic fire safety rules with your family. If you don't already have one, create an emergency escape plan and practice with each member of the family. The NFPA has a child-friendly [Home Fire Escape Plan](#) that can help you develop your own plan.

Holiday Travel Tips

If your holiday plans include travel by air, consider these tips to make your travel experience a little easier.

- Avoid peak travel days if possible. Flights will be more expensive and the airports will be more congested.
- Be prepared for more than the usual slowdowns at security. Allow extra time before your flight. Consider enrolling in [TSA PreV™](#) for expedited security screening.
- Gas up the night before you travel. No one leaves enough time for buying gas on the way to the airport.
- Keep your cool. Airline employees have considerable power over your well-being. Your anger will not help the situation.
- Have phone numbers for everything: your hotel, your car rental agency, your airline, friends at your destination.
- Choose nonstop flights. The worst, most brutal delays occur in connecting airports, where you have no home, friends or family to retreat to.



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- With airlines continuing to cut back on service, it's more important than ever to confirm your flight several days before you leave.
- Don't overpack even checked luggage; overstuffed bags that must be opened for a security check are much harder to repack.
- Do not wrap gifts, especially if you intend to carry them on the plane. Even in checked baggage, there is a strong chance they will be unwrapped for inspection by security personnel. Consider gift bags instead of wrapping paper.
- Give your cell phone a full charge, and write down or program the phone number of your airline so you can call easily as your flight time approaches. Register with your airline to be notified of flight changes by text or phone.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



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What's Happening Around the Community Dec. 2014

Dec. 4 – 21, 2014

Roanoke Children's Theatre presents:
Madeline's Christmas
Dumas Center for the Arts, Roanoke

Dec. 5, 2014

Hollydazzle
City Center at Oyster Point, Newport
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Dec. 6, 2014

Christmas and Holiday Parade
Gloucester, VA

Dec. 7, 2014

Grand Illumination
Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Dec. 13, 2014

Annual Olde Towne Holiday Music
Festival
Portsmouth, VA

Dec. 13, 2014

Hampton Holly Day Parade
Downtown Hampton, VA

Dec. 13, 2014

Holiday Parade
Downtown Suffolk, VA

Dec. 31, 2014

17th Annual Olde Towne Scottish Walk
Portsmouth, VA



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