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### Governor Proclaims June is Safety Month in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska—Governor Sean Parnell has proclaimed June as Safety Month in Alaska to coincide with the National Safety Council's [National Safety Month](#). The national council promotes prevention of injuries and deaths in the workplace, on roads and highways, and in homes and communities.

"Health and safety is priceless for every single Alaskan," Labor Commissioner Dianne Blumer said. "Fatalities in Alaska's workplaces rose from 17 in 2009 to 39 in 2010. More than 60 percent of these deaths were on Alaska highways.

"We are entering our busiest highway season and I urge drivers, bikers and pedestrians to use caution and practice safe behaviors."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, highway and traffic accidents are also the main cause for workplace fatalities nationwide.

Users can [sign-up](#) at the National Safety Council's website for materials on each weekly theme and help spread messages of prevention that bring attention to critical safety issues.

#### National Safety Council – Safety 24/7

- **June 3-9** [Promote Employee Wellness](#)
- **June 10-16** [Work Ergonomically](#)
- **June 17-23** [Prevent Falls](#)
- **June 24-30** [Drive Safely](#)

The NSC offers free online fact sheets that cover a variety of topics including backpack safety, fireworks safety and water safety – go online [www.nsc.org/news\\_resources/Resources/Pages/SafetyHealthFactSheets.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/news_resources/Resources/Pages/SafetyHealthFactSheets.aspx).

For information about workplace safety and health standards, contact Alaska Occupational Safety and Health at 800-656-4972 or 269-4955 in Anchorage.

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**2012 June Alaska Safety Month Executive Proclamation**  
[Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2012-05-22-Safety-Month.pdf](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2012-05-22-Safety-Month.pdf)

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