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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, which promotes prevention of injuries and deaths in the workplace, on roads and highways and in homes and communities, set "Acting on Safety" as this year's theme.

"Summer in Alaska means seasonal employment is gearing up and we have more of our young Alaskans working," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "The summer travel season is upon us and we also have crews working on our roads and highways. We can all do our part to make Alaska safer."

Each week carries a theme that brings attention to critical safety issues. As part of National Safety Month, the NSC is also offering free online courses.

- **June 7-13 Teen Driving Safety**
Free registration for "Alive at 25 Parent Program" is available online from June 7-13 at <http://www.parentprogram25.com/NSM>. Download "Teen Driver: A Family Guide to Teen Driver Safety" free at http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/Week2.aspx.
- **June 14-20 Preventing Overexertion at Work and at Home**
- **June 21-27 Dangers of Cell Phone Use While Driving**
- **June 28-30 Summer Safety**

Transportation incidents continue to be the No. 1 cause of on-the job deaths. According to the American Society of Safety Engineers, about 40 percent of all workplace fatalities are transportation related.

The most recent statistics available rank Alaska with the highest workplace fatality rate and the highest Workers' Compensation Insurance rates in the nation.

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

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2010 June Alaska Safety Month Executive Proclamation
<http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2010-06-02-Safety-Month.pdf>

Labor Standards and Safety
<http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/home.htm>

National Safety Month
http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx