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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.

"The summer travel season is upon us, and we also have crews working on our roads and highways," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "We can all do our part to make Alaska safer."

Nationwide, more fatal work injuries resulted from transportation incidents than from any other event. Highway incidents alone accounted for one out of every five fatal work injuries in 2009.

"Fatal work injuries in Alaska were down 48 percent in 2009 to 17, from 33 in 2008," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "But even one fatality is devastating to the families, co-workers and businesses involved."

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

- **June 5-11** [Preventing Overexertion](#)
- **June 12-18** [Safe Teen Driving](#)
- **June 19-25** [Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls](#)
- **June 26-30** [On the Road, Off the Phone](#)

The NSC also offers free online fact sheets that cover fireworks, water safety and auto highway safety, among others http://www.nsc.org/news_resources/Resources/Pages/SafetyHealthFactSheets.aspx.

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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2011 June Alaska Safety Month Executive Proclamation

<http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2011-06-01-Safety-Month.pdf>

Labor Standards and Safety

<http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/Iss/>

National Safety Month

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