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Be Ready this Labor Day Weekend

Great tips to keep you and your family safe

(MADISON) – Labor Day Weekend is the unofficial end of summer. It's time for one more barbeque, music festival, or family camping adventure before school starts. Before hitting the road, ReadyWisconsin offers these tips to help have a safe holiday weekend.

“Major roadways damaged by this summer’s flash floods are now open. However, a few county and township roads are still being repaired, says Brian Satula, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator. “Planning ahead is key. Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas and adhere to signed road closures.”

- For up-to-date road closures and detour information, visit www.511wi.gov, download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.
- Schedule your road trip at times to help avoid the holiday travel madness. Leaving before rush hour Friday or early Saturday morning and driving back Monday before 4 p.m. or after 10 p.m. should make for less traffic hassles.
- When traveling to and from a holiday destination, never leave people or pets inside a parked car. Even with the windows cracked open, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.
- Make sure your car is in shape to make the trip. Having a first-aid kit, bottled water and some energy bars is a good idea in case you get stranded. A car adaptor for your cell phone is also a good idea in case you need to call for help.

For more safety tips including how to build an emergency kit for your home and vehicles, visit ReadyWisconsin at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

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