



## Naval Safety Center Launches Holiday Driving Campaign

The Naval Safety Center (NSC) launched a Web-based holiday safe driving campaign Nov. 7.

Last holiday season NSC predicted that 14 Sailors and Marines would die in private motor vehicle (PMV) mishaps between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Sadly, 20 lost their lives. This year, NSC is launching a new safe driving campaign called "Surviving Driving: Holidays '07" with tools to help service members navigate the highways safely.



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While PMV deaths may seem unrelated to combat readiness, the loss of a trained and ready Sailor or Marine impacts his or her unit and the fleet as a whole. During the holidays, fatigued driving and driving under the influence of alcohol increase and they are both major causes of traffic fatalities. Another danger related to the season is driving unreasonable distances without taking breaks.

The Surviving Driving: Holidays '07 campaign material is intended to provide leaders with the tools they need to educate their young Sailors and Marines. These tools will be updated throughout the holiday season, so NSC recommends checking back often to take advantage of the resources.

Visit [www.safetycenter.navy.mil](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil) to download safe driving materials.