

## King County Metro Commuter Vans Summer Preparedness Bulletin

### Tips to Avoid Summertime Driving Dangers

According to the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#), summer and fall are the most dangerous times of the year for drivers, with July and August being the deadliest. More drivers are out on the road during that time, which increases the likelihood of collisions.

- [Perform a daily Walk-around the HOV and report any maintenance and/or damages to your Maintenance Rep.](#)
  - Low air in tires can lead to blowouts and can affect the vehicles braking ability.
- [Be Aware of Distracted Drivers](#)
  - Summer can bring more distractions than usual, so watch out for drivers who aren't watching out for you. If you see a distracted driver, avoid being near them on the road.
- [Keep an Eye on Weekends & Holidays](#)
  - Weekends and certain holidays are associated with an increase in drinking and driving so be aware and extra careful.
  - July 4 is particularly deadly, both in terms of motorcycle fatalities and passenger vehicles. On the weekends, the highest number of fatal crashes happen between 3 and 7 p.m., so be aware of increased risk when you're behind the wheel — and take extra safety precautions as needed.
- [Protect Yourself from Sun Glare](#)
  - During summer months, when the sun is out in full force, there's an increased amount of sun glare coming off the road and other vehicles.
  - This can be most dangerous during the early morning and late evening, so invest in a good pair of polarized sunglasses and/or use the sun visor. These will help protect your eyes from fatigue and damage, cut down on glare, and make it easier to see clearly.
- [Increase Following Distance](#)
  - Increasing your following distance can help offset the dangers brought by heavier traffic, construction zones and vacationing drivers who are traveling in unfamiliar areas.

If your vehicle becomes disabled or stuck, call us immediately at **206-625-4500**

***Thank you for being a King County Metro commuter vanpooler! Need help or have questions about your KC Metro Rideshare Commuter Van? Call us at 206-625-4500.***



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