

Atlanta Accident Lawyers Issues Advisory on Georgia State Patrol's 100 Deadliest Days of Summer Driving

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Atlanta Accident Lawyers has issued a public safety advisory for Metro Atlanta motorists following Georgia State Patrol's designation of Memorial Day through Labor Day as the "100 Deadliest Days" on Georgia roads. The designation reflects documented fatality patterns during peak summer travel months, with 11 deaths recorded during the 2024 Memorial Day 78-hour travel period and 18 deaths during the 2024 Independence Day 102-hour travel period.

Georgia State Patrol Trooper First Class William Hunt identifies inexperienced teen drivers, distracted motorists, and excessive speeding as primary contributing factors to the summer surge in crash-related injuries and fatalities. The designation represents a recurring statistical pattern rather than a prediction, with holiday crash data confirming that elevated traffic volume combined with impaired and distracted driving produces fatality rates significantly above the annual daily average.

During the 2024 Memorial Day travel period, Georgia recorded more than 500 crashes resulting in nearly 250

injuries, with Georgia State Patrol making nearly 500 DUI arrests and issuing more than 14,000 citations, according to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The Independence Day period saw similar patterns, with more than 500 crashes resulting in more than 500 injuries, 500 DUI arrests, and more than 19,400 citations issued.

The summer driving season coincides with Georgia's highest annual traffic volume. AAA estimates more than 3 million Georgians travel during Memorial Day weekend alone, with a significant share passing through Metro Atlanta's I-285 and I-75/I-85 interchange, creating peak-density conditions that elevate crash risk for all motorists. Teen drivers represent a disproportionate share of summer crash involvement nationally, with NHTSA data showing 16- to 19-year-olds are nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than drivers aged 20 and older.

"Crashes occurring during the 100 Deadliest Days period on Metro Atlanta's holiday corridors often involve multiple vehicles, impaired drivers, and witnesses who disperse quickly, making evidence preservation more difficult than in a standard commuter crash," said Shannon Ludwig, spokesperson for Atlanta Accident Lawyers. "The two-year statute of limitations under Georgia law begins running on the date of the crash regardless of the season, and insurance carriers are prepared to handle high-volume holiday crash claims efficiently, which means injured victims who delay legal contact are at a structural disadvantage from the first day."

Georgia law requires all car accident injury claims to be filed within two years of the crash date under O.C.G.A. § 9-3-33, a deadline that applies equally to summer holiday crashes. Insurance carriers begin monitoring this timeline from the day of the incident, making immediate legal consultation critical for preserving evidence and establishing liability.

For those seeking an ATL Accident Lawyer Summer car accident lawyer, the firm emphasizes that evidence collection and witness documentation become increasingly challenging as time passes after a holiday crash. The combination of tourist traffic, out-of-state drivers, and elevated congestion on Atlanta's major corridors creates complex liability scenarios requiring immediate professional attention.

Atlanta Accident Lawyers is a network of personal injury law firms representing injured motorists across the Atlanta metro area and throughout Georgia. The firm handles car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, rideshare collisions, and pedestrian accidents on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and a free initial case review available 24 hours a day. As a Summer car accident lawyer resource, the firm connects Metro Atlanta residents injured in summer holiday crashes with attorneys who move immediately to preserve evidence and establish liability.

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