

Memorial Day One of the Deadliest Days for Florida Teens; Attorney Big Al Advocates For Safer Driving

Memorial Day marks the beginning of [the 100 deadliest days for teenage drivers](#), and Florida's high rates of teen drivers puts the Sunshine State's teens at risk. Simple precautions, like driving contracts, defensive driving techniques, and seatbelts, can reduce these rates and make summer less dangerous for Florida's teens.

Hollywood, FL ([PRWEB](#)) April 19, 2016 -- The National Safety Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing rates of preventable injuries in the United States, rated Memorial Day as the first day of [the 100 deadliest days for teens on the road](#). This year, Memorial Day falls on May 30th, and Big Al urges parents to caution their teens about safe driving as summer kicks off, especially in sunny Florida.

The statistics are sobering: between Memorial Day and Labor Day, nearly 1,000 people were killed in crashes involving teen drivers, and 550 of those killed were teenagers themselves, according to NSC estimates based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Florida teens are especially at risk with the arrival of summer vacationers unused to Florida roads and conditions, teenagers having more free time drive to the beach, and more driving with the windows down while distracted. Florida's sprawling infrastructure means that, on average, Florida teens drive more than the national average, putting them even more at risk for dangerous Memorial Day driving than others.

"Florida is a great place to drive, but for teenagers, Memorial Day can be especially dangerous," said [Attorney Big Al](#). "Rising rates of fatalities involving teenagers in the summer has everyone in our offices concerned. Simple precautions make driving safer, and parent engagement is key."

Parents should talk to their teenagers about expectations while driving, and parents can even draft up a contract explicitly detailing expectations about how to drive safely. Stress the importance of seat belts, appropriate sun protection to prevent glare, and good behavior when passengers are in the car. Parents can also sign their teens up for defensive driving courses to increase their skills and reduce insurance rates.

Summer should be a carefree time for teens; help make it just a little bit safer on the roads by talking to your teenager about accident prevention.



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