



FSA – Keeping You Safe

How to Be Safe on the Road While Traveling

One of the best parts of summer is hitting the road and traveling to your favorite vacation spot. According to a recent [AAA](#) survey done in 2016, more than one-third of Americans (35 percent) are planning to take a family vacation of 50 miles or more away from home. When many people are on the road traveling, it is important to take precautions to ensure everyone makes it safely to their destinations.

Having your vehicle serviced prior to any trip goes along way as to preventing mechanical breakdowns. This can also prevent accidents with other vehicles and make the road trip smooth sailing and enjoyable. We would also advise you stay updated on the weather forecast, especially during hurricane season, for any weather or road hazards. [The Hernando County Sheriff's Office](#) also provides the following tips for summer travel safety:

- Tires should have acceptable tread, especially in Florida where rainstorms can be particularly strong and good tires will help you through the storm.
- The vehicle's cooling system should be operating properly so it will not overheat the engine, which is easy to do in the Florida heat.
- Make sure your spare tire is inflated and that you have the tools required to change a flat. Even if you may not be the one to change the tire, roadside service or a good Samaritan will need these to get you back on the road.
- While driving, maintain your attention on the road. Distracted driving, such as texting, is illegal and dangerous.

For more tips, please visit the [Florida Sheriffs Association's Crime Prevention Tips](#).