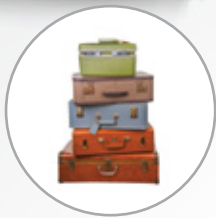


# Summer Travel Safety Tips

During the summer months, many families embark on vacation getaways. Summer travel and readying the car for trips can be the most stressful part of the vacation. Travelers offers some packing and driving tips for families hitting the road for vacation this summer.



**74%** of Americans taking a summer vacation plan to drive<sup>†</sup>



## Don't overload

When packing, the car can get filled quickly. Spread out the load so the weight is evenly distributed.



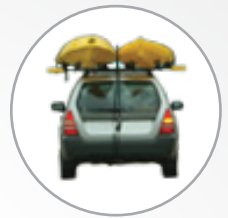
## Be a prepared parent

Pack snacks, extra clothes and entertaining items that will keep your little ones in the back seat happy.



## Keep a clear view

When packing your vehicle, make sure you maintain a proper line of sight with your mirrors and windows.



## Ready the roof rack

Know your rack's weight limit by checking the user's manual. Recognize the height of your vehicle after packing to prevent damage or accidents.

**In 2011 alone, over 3,000 people were killed in distracted driving crashes.<sup>‡</sup>**



## Know the route

Familiarize yourself with the route before leaving for your trip. Relying solely upon GPS can lead to dangerous last minute turns and lane changes.



## Secure your pets

Unsecured pets can become a distraction. Secure your pets appropriately and never let them run about the vehicle.



## Cruise carefully

Cruise control can be a helpful tool, but be careful when using it on long trips, as it can make it easier for drivers to lose focus on the road



## Take a break

When travelling long distances, it's important to take frequent breaks to help maintain focus and avoid fatigue.

<sup>†</sup> TripAdvisor, Inc: <http://ir.tripadvisor.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=764664>

<sup>‡</sup> NHTSA: <http://www.distraction.gov>