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### Be My Valentine



Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Will you be our transportation safety sweetheart? Show your loved ones you care with some heartfelt safety tips. This Valentine's Day and every day after, share the love by spreading the word about safe driving.



## Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

The Super Bowl is America's most watched national sporting event. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, there will be lots of game day socializing that may include drinking. That's why NHTSA is urging football fans to plan ahead for a safe ride home.

There's no need to consult the playbook. The winning play is to always designate a sober driver. *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.*



## Driver Ed: A Rite of Passage

Learning to drive is a rite of passage. ODOT-approved driver education is proven to dramatically reduce a young driver's chances of being in a serious crash.

Here's how you can have peace of mind and get the [latest information](#) on drivers education resources.

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## Teen Drivers Speeding Trend

A new report was released that examines the significant role speeding plays in teen driver fatalities and offers practical tools to help parents rein in this lethal driving habit.

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## Turning Roadways into Speedways

Drivers are addicted to speed, and we unfortunately see the deadly results every day. Vehicle design has improved, but this [new study](#) shows how the impulse to speed, and the trend of rising speed limits, are canceling out those safety advances. Even small increases in speed can cause major, traumatic injuries and turn survivable crashes into lethal ones.

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## Traffic Deaths Surge During Pandemic, Despite Fewer Drivers

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [reported](#) the number of people killed on U.S. roadways during the first nine months of 2020 rose even though there were fewer drivers on the road due to the COVID-19 pandemic – a troubling trend.

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## January Storms Bring Landslides, Flooding

Crews in several parts of the state have been working around the clock to deal with landslides, flooding and erosion issues caused by heavy rain and winds. Video and photos on our [Flickr](#) and [YouTube](#) channels really show what they're up against. Thanks to all the crews for your hard work!

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## Transportation Safety Action Plan Update

ODOT is updating the Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP). The TSAP unifies transportation safety planning in Oregon. Check out the latest [fact sheet](#) (also available [in Spanish](#)) that summarizes what we have learned from [stakeholder input](#) and the [analysis of crash trends](#), or visit the [TSAP project website](#) for additional information.

## Resources

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