

Safety Matters



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Summer Driving Safety

Summer driving often feels easier than driving in winter, but warm weather brings its own set of hazards. Heavy vacation traffic, road construction, high temperatures and bad weather can all increase the risk of a crash. Understanding these seasonal hazards and adjusting your driving habits can help you stay safe while traveling.

Summer Driving Hazards

Heavy traffic—Summer vacations, holiday weekends and community events put more vehicles on the road. Congested roads often lead to sudden stops, impatient drivers, and increased crash risk.

Road construction—Construction projects are common during the summer. Lane closures, uneven pavement, reduced speed limits, and workers near traffic require extra caution.

Hot weather—Extreme heat can affect both drivers and vehicles. High temperatures increase the risk of tire blowouts, overheating engines, and driver fatigue or dehydration.

Thunderstorms—Summer storms can develop quickly, bringing heavy rain, strong winds, lightning, and reduced visibility. Wet roads also increase stopping distances.

More pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists—People spend more time outdoors during the summer, increasing the number of vulnerable road users sharing the road.

Sun glare—Bright sunlight can make it difficult to see other vehicles, traffic signals, and pedestrians.

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Steps to stay safe and cool in hot weather from the Center for Disease Control:

1 Stay Cool

Try One Or More Of These:



2 Stay Hydrated



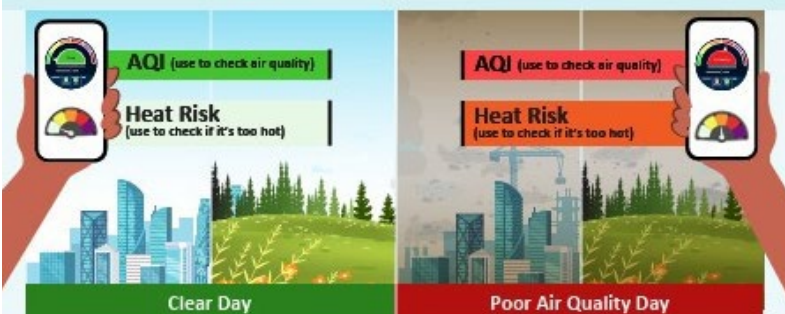
3 Know the Symptoms

There are signs that your body may be getting too hot:



Call 911 if you have chest pain that is not going away, severe shortness of breath, or confusion. These may be signs your body is already too hot.

4 Check Air Quality



Hot weather can make air quality worse.

5 Have a Medication Plan for Hot Weather

Some medications may make it harder for your body to cool down. Some medications may not work well when they get hot.



Review your medications with your doctor



Store your medications in a cool place



Prepare for power outages



Safety Focused

This Month's Safety Myth

"Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hardhats, gloves, masks, hearing protection, and safety glasses are the first line of defense in your personal safety."

Fact: PPE is your last line of defense. The superior methods of protection include eliminating hazards, substituting safer methods, using engineering controls, and implementing administrative controls.

What a kitchen fire spray can and can't do

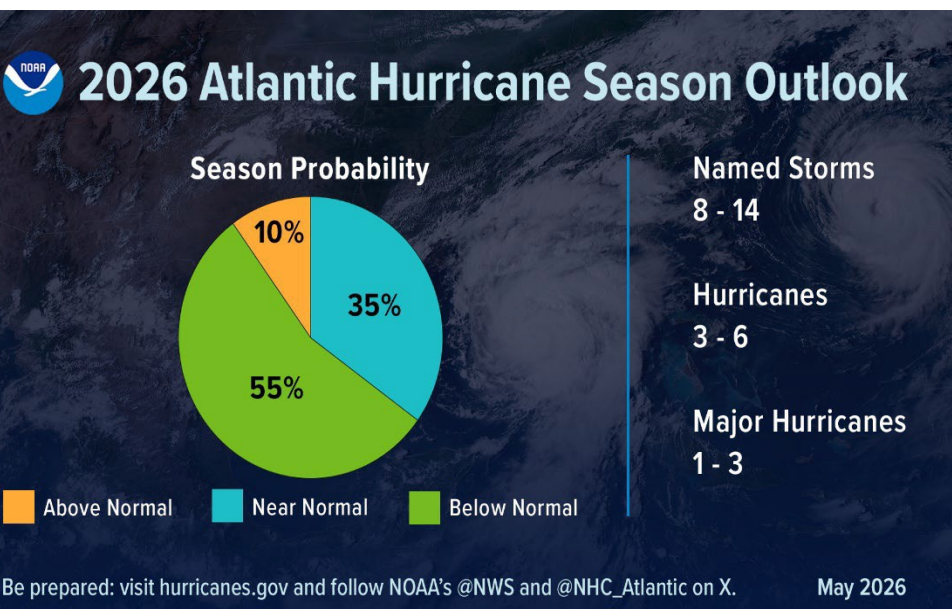
The little aerosol fire spray in the kitchen drawer may not last as long as homeowners expect.

According to Consumer Reports, the cans carry only about a three-year shelf life -- far less than the six to twelve years of a traditional extinguisher -- and they have no pressure gauge, so there is no way to confirm one is still charged. The date is printed on the can; note it and replace it on schedule.

The sprays do have real virtues. There is no pin to pull, just point and spray, and they are rated for grease and cooking-oil flare-ups, which makes them easy to grab in a hurry. But they are a backup, not a replacement. The label itself states the spray does not meet NFPA 10, the standard for a true fire extinguisher.

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What's in store for the 2026 hurricane season?



Greenworks Tools Recalls 24V and 48V Kobalt Yard Power Tools with USB-C Batteries Due to Risk of Serious Injury from Fire Hazard

Hazard:

Charging the lithium-ion batteries through the USB-C port while the batteries are inserted in the yard power tools can cause the batteries to short-circuit, posing a risk of serious injury from fire hazard.

Consumer Contact:

Website: <http://www.greenworkstools.com/pages/product-recall-information> or go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at [Recalls & Product Safety Warnings | CPSC.gov](https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/Recalls-Product-Safety-Warnings)

Upcoming Webinar

The ICO conducts monthly webinars on various safety topics open to all employees.

Please join our monthly webinar on "Office Safety" August 20 at 9:00 a.m. Search the title in the DLC, or register using the link below.

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)