

## 7 Best Holiday Safety Tips for Driving and Shopping

*Andover Massachusetts personal injury attorney, Thomas M. Kiley, offers tips and advice for safe driving and shopping this holiday season and all winter.*

([PRWEB](#)) December 1, 2009 -- The holiday season should be a time for joy and reflection, filled with happy homes, wonderful meals, and warm memories to carry us into a new year. Unfortunately the holiday season also brings snowy weather and a lot of additional traffic which can result in serious car accidents and personal injuries.

Andover, Massachusetts personal injury attorney, Thomas M. Kiley, wants everyone in Massachusetts and across the U.S. to have a happy and safe holiday season, which is why he put together his Top 7 Tips for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season to help drivers and shoppers celebrate the holidays in peace.

1. Keep your car in good working condition, which includes checking your tires for air pressure and tread as well as keeping your gas tank at least half full to avoid a freeze-up. Taking your car to a mechanic to check your battery, antifreeze levels, and other factors can also prevent you from breaking down in bad weather.
2. Create an emergency kit for your vehicle including jumper cables, flashlights, a first-aid kit, blankets, signal flares, and water.
3. Distracted driving is often just as dangerous as drinking and driving, so in addition to never driving after drinking alcohol, do not talk on your cell phone, eat, text message, read a newspaper, or apply makeup (among other distractions) while behind the wheel.
4. Allow extra driving time for short and long trips. Between snowy weather and increased holiday traffic, delays are basically inevitable. By giving yourself extra time you'll be less likely to speed or engage in other reckless driving tactics to try and save time on the road.
5. When going shopping, make sure to stomp the snow off of your shoes before entering a store while also using the rubber mats that should be provided by the retailer to remove additional moisture. Slip and fall accidents are never fun and you don't want to spend the holidays lying in a hospital bed.
6. Crime rates usually increase around the holidays so make sure to always be aware of your surroundings, try not to go to ATMs at night or alone, and try to shop at stores that provide well-lit parking lots and roving security if you must shop at night.
7. Wear comfortable shoes with good tread when shopping, especially if you have to walk through snow, sludge, or other wet conditions when entering or exiting a store.

Thomas M. Kiley also encourages anyone looking for more information on Massachusetts car accident claims, slip and fall injuries, and other premises liability issues to visit his website, [The 7 Biggest Mistakes That Can Wreck Your Massachusetts Accident Case](#).



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