



## Oklahoma officials urge safety for Fourth of July amid travel and fireworks risks

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OKLAHOMA CITY (KOKH) — The Fourth of July is just a few days away and officials are urging Oklahomans to take extra safety precautions over the holiday.

Officials warn that the Fourth of July is one of the most dangerous holidays, with people traveling, holding large gatherings at the lake or pool, and lighting off fireworks, but they say there are ways to avoid those dangers to have a safe and fun Fourth of July celebration.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, July 4th is the most dangerous and deadly day to drive,

"It's the fourth of July, we all want to get to the lake, we all want to get to our families, we all want to go out take a few days off, and have a great time," said the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors Executive Director, Bobby Stem, "What we don't want is a telephone call from law enforcement saying there's been an accident."

AOGC is asking drivers to stay on high alert while driving through work zones over the holiday,

"A study that we just saw this morning from TRIP, it says that somebody in Oklahoma dies in a work zone every other week," Stem said, "Let's just respect the cone zone, lower your speed buckle up, put your phone down."