

Driver Education Newsletter

December 2020

2021 Professional Development hours due before May 31, 2021

Please don't wait until the last day to get these completed. Visit the [SDE Driver Education webpage](#) and look up the available trainings posted. I have also added the newly created tutorial video for the Safety Dashboards. This should help you to complete the assignment and 2 hours of PD. **NOTE: The 2020 Idaho Highway Safety Summit videos will only be available until January 31, 2021. Don't miss them!**

Files

FAQs

Events & Training

Links

2021 Online Options for Professional Development

2020 Idaho Highway Safety Summit

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
ANSTSE Workshops

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J.T.D. Safety Dashboards

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 Dashboard Overview

 Highway Safety

 Safety Dashboards Assignment

 Safety Dashboards Overview Tutorial

Next NNU Instructor Course starts January 18, 2021



Spread the word to teachers interested. We have changed the hour requirements to better fit Certified or Non-Certified teachers and programs using IDLA. There are stipends available to mentor teachers willing to help new instructors become certified. Please contact [Emily Kormylo](#) for more details. [Click here](#) to register.

DECK THE HALLS, NOT THE HIGHWAY WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

AAA shares tips to safely transport a real Christmas tree during the pandemic

BOISE – Many Americans are in search of a little holiday cheer, and this weekend, some will purchase a real Christmas tree to help make the season merry and bright. But hauling it home can be a risky business. To help avoid a holiday mishap, AAA is sharing tips to safely transport a tree.



According to previous AAA research, road debris caused more than 200,000 crashes over a four-year period, resulting in 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths. Like any other large object, Christmas trees must be properly secured in order to protect others from being hurt.

“Buying a Christmas tree during a pandemic is going to look a little different. And every year, some people fail to tie down their tree the right way, causing serious damage to their vehicles and to other road users,” says Matthew Conde, public affairs director for AAA Idaho. “We want everyone to get their holiday celebration started on a positive note.”

AAA estimates that an improperly secured tree can cause as much as \$1,500 in damage to paint, rubber seals around doors and windows, and bent window frames.

Securing a tree

Plan ahead by bringing the proper tools for the job – rope, bungees, or nylon straps, an old blanket, and gloves.

Bring the right vehicle. One with a roof rack is the best option, but a pickup truck, SUV or minivan can do the trick.

Have the lot wrap the tree in netting before you load it. Place a blanket on the roof of the vehicle to prevent paint damage, then position the tree with the trunk facing forward.

Secure the tree at the top, bottom, and middle. Use sturdy rope or straps, not the twine provided at the lot.

Make sure you loop the rope around the trunk so as to prevent front-to-rear and side-to-side movement.

Double-check your work by giving the tree several tugs from various angles.

Drive slowly and take back roads if possible. Faster speeds can create airflow that may damage the tree or cause ropes and straps to fail.

“When you head home, ditch the distractions, including the radio, so that you can hear any noises that might suggest that the tree is coming loose,” Conde said. “And after you get the tree up in your home, please take the necessary steps to ensure that it will not become a fire hazard.”