

Director's Log

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The holiday season is so special to all of us. A time to be thankful, a cheerful time to celebrate special meanings in our lives, a culmination of the year's work. Thanksgiving is past, and we look to Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Day to continue this celebration.

My son is graduating with his Master's in Music Theory from LSU this semester, so he and I have something to be thankful and happy for. He is the music director for the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired. Congrats son!

Safety is important in this season to keep it happy and enjoyable. I read of home fires and tragic auto accidents and feel sorry for the families and think of what that would do to my family if it happened to me or another family member.

Our homes are more crowded and cluttered as holiday preparations begin and families gather.

Travel will be greater this season as gas prices have made it more affordable, so be especially careful on the road.

And partying is often a part of this time, so be careful when consuming alcoholic drinks. Choose someone to drive who is not under the influence.

This issue of Life Line is dedicated to safety during the holiday season. Please take time to read the articles and keep safety first. Let's keep this holiday season a happy time for all by keeping safety in every activity.

The Environmental Health and Safety group, commonly called EHS, would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy Holiday Season!

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Allow plenty of time to get to your destination.

When feeling tired or fatigued, pull over, let someone else drive-don't take a chance.

Make sure your vehicle is in good repair—check the air pressure in your tires, (including your spare), fluid levels, and lights.

use seat belts and child safety seats.

Maintain a minimum of two seconds following distance between you and the car in front.

that distance when road and weather conditions are not ideal.

Take time to clean the inside of your windows, especially the windshield. This will minimize the effect of “fogging” on cold days.

Avoid distractions. They your chance of having an accident. Avoid using cell phones, adjusting GPS devices, or handling food while driving.

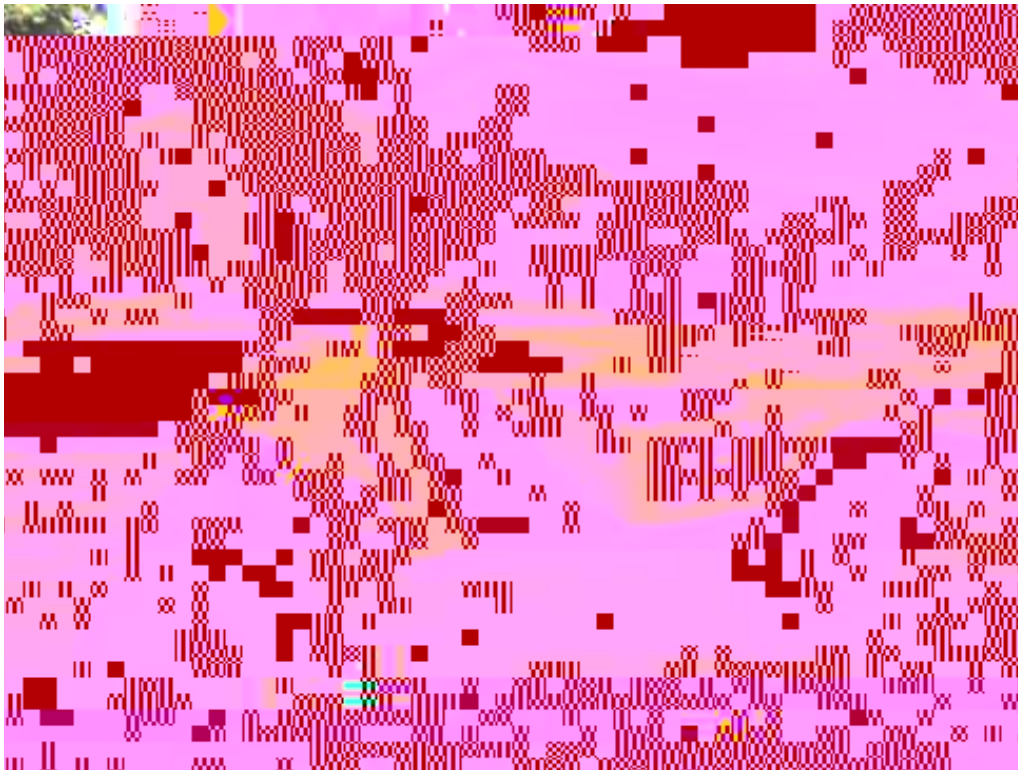
** All occupants in the vehicle should properly use the seat belts!!

Although stairs never present themselves as DANGEROUS when compared to rotating machinery or hazardous chemicals, falling down a stairway can result in severe disabling injuries or death. We don't perceive going up and down stairs as being “Risky.”

This is where the danger begins... ::

When ascending or descending stairs, are y

with injuries



It rolled while being driven on a straight roadway;
It rolled while going under the speed limit;
It was driven by an experienced driver;
There were no distractions;
There were no adverse weather conditions;
It was in good mechanical condition.

While driving by the Lab School, the driver lost control of steering, (“*felt like it wobbled*”) struck two parked vehicles and overturned.

Be aware of passenger loading creating a “high-center-of gravity,” increasing the cart’s likelihood to ROLL-OVER.
Follow all traffic laws while on Campus roadways
Travel at “walking speed” around pedestrians, and yield to pedestrians.

