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## THANKSGIVING TRAVEL TIPS

With the roads being as full as the people are during the Thanksgiving season, car accidents are very common. At Herrman and Herrman PLLC, we want to prepare you for your drive and ensure you have a safe trip if you are traveling for Thanksgiving. Here are a few tips to help make your Thanksgiving safe!

**Check your vehicle before hitting the road.** Visit a mechanic before your trip. Make sure to top off fluids, check your brakes, and make sure your tires are ready for the journey ahead. Proper car maintenance is critical to a smooth and safe trip during your travels.

**Plan your route.** Know your route along with an alternate route before leaving. Do not solely rely on your GPS to get you to your destination, use it as a backup plan. Driving while using technology, especially when lost, can be very dangerous.

**Leave early or late.** Once you have planned your route, choose a time. It is best to avoid peak times on the road like the morning or evening rush hours. The fewer people on the road, the less likely you are to get in an accident.

**Pack an emergency kit.** It's smart to be prepared with emergency supplies in the event of an accident, bad weather, mechanical breakdown, or medical emergencies. Pack things such as a flashlight, blanket, first-aid kit, tools, and bottled waters. A large number of accidents occur when drivers are stranded on the side of the road. Remember to turn your hazard lights on, pull completely on to the shoulder, and have all occupants exit on the side opposite of traffic.

**Don't overload your vehicle.** Know your car's specified weight limit and check the load capacity on the inside of your car door.

**Write down emergency contact numbers.** Many roadside assistance companies now also have apps you can download. However, it is best to write emergency contact numbers in case your phone dies.

**Take rest stops.** Take plenty of stops to hydrate, use showers or restrooms, stretch, and regain alertness.

**Do not drive distracted.** Stay focused on the road. Avoid texting or talking on the phone and never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Distracted drivers are 4x more likely to be in an accident.

**Stay in the right lane.** Unless you are passing another vehicle, stay in the right lane to allow others to pass.

Taking the time to prepare for your Thanksgiving trip can make all the difference in ensuring a safe and enjoyable journey. At Herrman and Herrman PLLC, we prioritize your safety on the road. Whether you are planning a long trip or only driving locally, following these tips can help you avoid accidents and handle emergencies with confidence. Safe travels, and remember, if the unexpected happens, we are here to help! We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

