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## Drivers Urged to Play It Safe On Their Travels

**Santa Fe** – New Mexico has recently seen a number of motor vehicle crashes caused by speed. With the holidays almost here, the roads are extra busy with shoppers and travelers, which increase the chances of an accident.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation urges drivers to slow down and pay attention. Speed and driver inattention are among the top contributing factors to vehicle crashes, including those that result in fatalities.

Alcohol also plays a big role in crashes. The holiday Superblitz is underway in New Mexico, which means more officers are on patrol, looking for drunk drivers as well as seat belt and child restraint offenders.

To ease the stress of holiday road travel, give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Give yourself enough time and distance to react to the traffic around you and let impatient and aggressive drivers pass you or go through the intersection ahead of you so that you control the situation.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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