



Columbus Day Safety Message

This year we celebrate Columbus Day October 8th. Many members of the DLA Distribution team will take advantage of this long weekend by spending time with friends and family at home, visiting and taking trips. Whatever your plans, I ask that you stay safe and be alert.

As the days become shorter, risks associated with limited visibility increase. Dimly lit, narrow and winding secondary roads make it hard for drivers to see and react to critical situations. Bicyclists, pedestrians, potholes and, here in Pennsylvania, the movement of deer and wildlife pose hazards to drivers; so please be mindful when driving.

While out walking, running, cycling or riding a motorcycle, ensure motorists can see you. Wear the proper protective clothing and reflective gear.

The consumption of alcohol often increases on long weekends as friends and family enjoy time together. If you plan to drink, be sure to be responsible and have a personal plan in place.

Fall also marks the time for colder weather in most regions along with the need for greater awareness of the potential of carbon monoxide poisoning or even fire. As we “fall back” and turn back our clocks one hour on Nov. 4, please take time to replace your carbon monoxide monitor and smoke detector batteries and test their operation – these devices save lives. Discuss with family members an emergency exit strategy and where you will meet should there be an actual emergency; then practice your exit strategy.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming Columbus Day holiday, so be sure to stay alert so you can remain safe and well. Thank you for all you do in supporting our Nation’s heroes.

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