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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

LABOR DAY SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

EL PASO, Texas - The El Paso Fire Department would like share some safety tips to help ensure a safe Labor Day Weekend.

Grilling:

- Use extreme caution when cooking on outdoor grills to prevent painful burn injuries and inhalation of smoke and gases.
- Never use gasoline in place of charcoal lighter fluid.
- Never reapply charcoal lighter fluid after the fire has started.
- Outdoor grills should never be used in confined spaces, such as inside homes, campers or tents, or any other area that is not properly ventilated.

Outdoors:

- Drink plenty of water and other fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty to rehydrate.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and carbonated drinks. These can lead to dehydration and increase the effects of heat illness.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothes.
- Know the [warning signs](#) of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Animals need shade and water. Pets can dehydrate quickly, so make sure they have plenty of fresh, clean water.

Travel:

- Wear your seatbelt.
- Never drive under the influence of any substance and to drive attentively and responsibly.
- Plan ahead and be patient. Lots of people travel during the Labor Day weekend.

If you are in need of emergency assistance, dial 9-1-1 immediately.

For a list of these and safety tips, the public is encouraged to visit: <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/divisions/fire-prevention> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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