

# **Timber Alert**

Wellness – August 2017

## **LIVE WELL – WORK WELL**



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### HAVE A RESPONSIBLE SUMMER

This August 18 to September 4, law enforcement will be stepping up their "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. This means police officers will be focused on spotting impaired drivers and pulling them over.

There were nearly 10,000 people killed in alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes in 2014, according to the CDC. This accounts for nearly 33 percent of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. Keep this sobering statistic in mind when attending gatherings with alcohol, like barbecues, beach parties or work events.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) created a <u>smartphone app</u> to help drivers who cannot safely drive home. The app can help tell you where you are, help you call a taxi or help you call a friend. Other useful apps include <u>Uber</u> and <u>Lyft</u>, as both can get you home if it's not safe for you to drive.

For more information on the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit the <u>NHTSA</u> website.

EACH DAY, 28 PEOPLE DIE IN ALCOHOL-RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS MEANS ONE DEATH EVERY 53 MINUTES.

THE ANNUAL COST OF ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES TOTALS MORE THAN \$44 BILLION.





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### MELON SALSA

Stay cool with this mouthwatering mixture of summer produce, and serve it up with grilled fish or chicken for a fun twist on the backyard cookout.

- 2 cups fresh melon, honeydew, cantaloupe or watermelon, seeded and chopped; use one kind or a combination
- 1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1⁄4 cup red or white onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup lime or lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. sugar

In a medium-size bowl, stir together all ingredients. Taste and season with more lime juice and sugar, if needed. Cover and chill for at least 30 minutes. Serve.

Yield: 12 servings. Each serving provides 15 calories, 0g of fat, 0g of saturated fat, 0mg of cholesterol, 0mg of sodium and 0g of fiber.

Source: USDA





There were 7,415 heat-related deaths in the United States from 1999 to 2010, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These preventable deaths illustrate how important preparation is during extreme temperatures. Whether you are swimming at the beach or lounging in the park, you should be prepared for extreme heat conditions.

### **Stay Prepared**

The CDC provides three easy steps to prevent heat-related illnesses: stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed. This summer, make sure you have shade wherever you are going and have attire, like a sun hat or a thin, long-sleeved shirt, to avoid direct contact with the sun. Be sure to drink lots of water—more than you usually do. Your body quickly loses fluids in the summer more quickly, which can lead to illness. Finally, stay informed by monitoring the local weather forecast and prepare accordingly for outdoor activities.

### Know the Signs

The two most dangerous heat-related illnesses, besides dehydration, are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is exhibited through cold, clammy skin, heavy sweating and nausea. If you or someone shows these symptoms, move to a cooler location and sip water.

If you or someone has a rapid pulse, hot and red skin, and loses consciousness, this could mean heat stroke, and you should call 911 immediately. In this latter scenario, do **not** give fluids to the person showing the symptoms. **Do**, however, move them to a cooler location and lower their temperature with cool cloths.



Source: Zywave