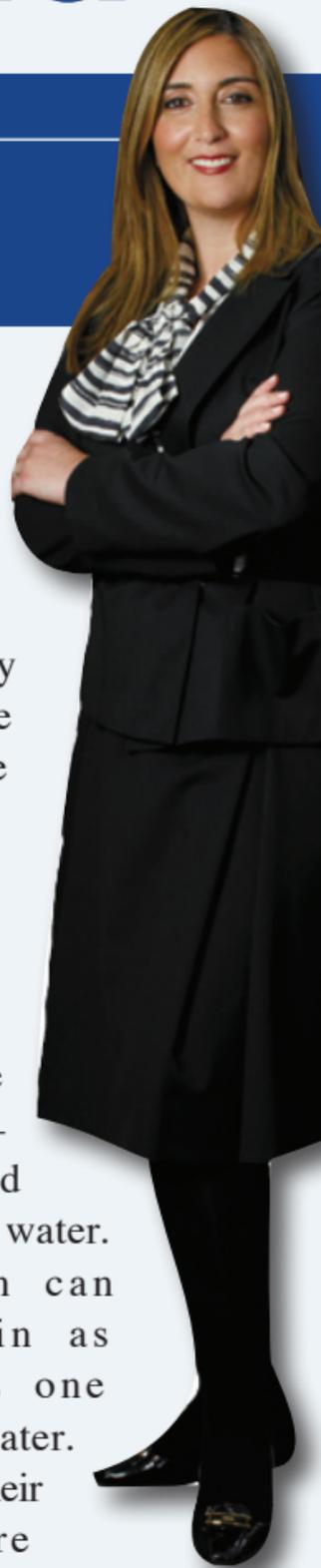


Stay safe this long weekend

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The long weekend means more people on the road. We are scurrying up to our cottages in a hurry to escape the city.

Or we are planning nice activities for the children, including fireworks. The most important thing to remember is to keep the children safe during these festive times.

Here are a couple of safety tips:

1. Leave fireworks to the professionals. If you just have to do it, read all safety precautions and stick to them. Make sure everyone stays far away from the fireworks, especially the children. Use safety equipment, including clothing and goggles. Ensure there is water nearby if things do not go well. The adult who is setting the fireworks off should evaluate the wind direction and find a nice open space.

2. Drive slowly and patiently. I know we are in a rush to get through traffic and get home, but trust me – an accident will delay things further. You may also seriously injure yourself and your family.

3. Make sure the decks and patios where you are relaxing are safe. Too many people fall on – or through – shoddily made decks. If

there are multiple holes or decayed wood, stay away from the structure and make sure the children play elsewhere.

4. Be very careful around bodies of water. Children can drown in as little as one inch of water. Because their lungs are smaller and fill quickly with water, children drown much quicker than an adult. Take all preventive measures. We don't want to see any drownings this summer.

On behalf of Diamond and Diamond, have a great long weekend and stay safe. ■

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