



Tucker's July Tips

Celebrate Summer Safely with Tucker!

July is here, bringing sunshine, backyard cookouts, family vacations, patriotic celebrations, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether you're traveling across the country or simply relaxing close to home, a little planning can help make this a safe and memorable month.



Celebrate Independence Day Safely

The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays, but it can also be stressful for our four-legged friends. Many pets become frightened by fireworks. Keep them indoors in a quiet, comfortable room during neighborhood celebrations. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with current identification tags, just in case they become startled and run away.

For families, leave fireworks to the professionals whenever possible. Public displays are safer, larger, and more enjoyable for everyone.



Help Pets Beat the Summer Heat

Hot weather can become dangerous quickly. Always provide plenty of fresh drinking water for pets and family members alike. Walk your dog during the cooler morning or evening hours, and remember that asphalt can become hot enough to burn sensitive paws. Never leave a pet inside a parked vehicle—even with the windows cracked open. Temperatures inside a car can rise to dangerous levels within minutes.



Stay Healthy This Summer

Summer is meant to be enjoyed. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, wear sunscreen whenever you'll be outside for extended periods, and take breaks in the shade during the hottest afternoon hours. If you're spending the day outdoors, lightweight clothing and a wide-brimmed hat can make a big difference.



Practice Smart Internet Safety

Vacation season is also prime time for online scams. Be cautious when booking travel through unfamiliar websites. If a vacation deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's also a good idea to wait until you return home before posting vacation photos on social media. Sharing your trip afterward helps protect your privacy while you're away.



Make Time for Family Adventures

Some of the best summer memories don't require expensive vacations. Visit a local farmers market, explore a nearby park, ride a bicycle trail, or discover a historic downtown you've never visited before.

If you're visiting beautiful historic Cumberland, Maryland, be sure to explore the scenic downtown district, the C&O Canal Towpath, the Great Allegheny Passage, and the Cumberland Postcard Trail. It's a fun way to discover local history while collecting complimentary postcards and taking memorable photos along the way.



Tucker's Favorite Summer Treat

Here's a quick and refreshing summertime snack.

Berry Yogurt Parfait

Ingredients: Vanilla Greek yogurt • Fresh strawberries • Fresh blueberries • Granola • Honey (optional)

Layer yogurt, berries, and granola in a tall glass. Repeat the layers and finish with a few berries on top. Add a drizzle of honey if desired. It's colorful, refreshing, and perfect after a summer walk.



One More Friendly Reminder

July is a wonderful month to slow down and enjoy the people who matter most. Visit family. Call an old friend. Check on an elderly neighbor during hot weather. Take lots of pictures, laugh often, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

From all of us at Dan Mullin Insurance, Tucker wishes you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy July! Happy Summer! 🐾