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Eclipse Tips from Henderson County Emergency Services Department and Henderson County Sheriff's Office

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No doubt about it, increased traffic and emergency events will occur during the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Here are some tips from our Emergency Services Department and the Sheriff's Office:

- Assemble an emergency kit: Have supplies available including water and snacks, sunscreen, cell phone and charger, extra cash, a first aid kit, ISO certified "eclipse-glasses" and books or games to occupy time during travel delays.
- Expect traffic delays leading up to and following the viewing: Plan ahead if you are traveling to another area to view the eclipse and arrive at your location well in advance of the event. Be aware of pedestrians and distracted motorists as you travel.
- Make sure to pull completely off the roadway when stopping to view the eclipse. Parking in designated areas and parking lots is preferable; if you must be along the roadways, find areas with ample shoulder space and do not stand in or block the roadway.
- Always yield to emergency vehicles. Pull as far to the right as possible to let emergency vehicles pass safely.
- Do not attempt to take photographs, wear eclipse glasses or view the eclipse while driving.
- Turn on your headlights if you are driving during the eclipse.
- Make sure that you have the correct ISO certified eclipse glasses. The only way to look directly at the partially eclipsed sun is through special glasses that meet the ISO 12312-2 international safety standards. Make sure that glasses are purchased from a reputable vendor and that glasses are not scratched or damaged.
- Stay cool. Keep yourself and your family hydrated and in the shade when possible.



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Henderson County Public Safety organizations will have an increased presence during the eclipse. Local and State partners will have additional manpower to assist with an anticipated increase in calls for service in the region.

Enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime eclipse safely!

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