



# 8A Safety Gram

## Chusok Holiday



### What is Chusok?

Chusok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving Day, is an important holiday celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar. On the days before and after Chuseok Koreans return to their ancestral hometowns to pay respects and celebrate with family. The travel causes one of the biggest traffic jams of the year as people often take the roads to reach the areas outside of Seoul.

### Safety Hazards and Concerns:

- ✓ Understand the elevated risk of traffic hazards during this time period, major intersections/highways will be extremely congested.
- ✓ Monitor the road conditions and if travelling outside of Seoul be prepared to be stopped in traffic for **LONG** periods of time.
- ✓ When making travel arrangements, plan ahead and conduct Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) prior to departure.
- ✓ Keep an Emergency Kit in your vehicle.
- ✓ Look for alternative methods of travel such as Public Transportation (Train, Subway or Bus).
- ✓ Minimize all tactical vehicle movement during the holiday period.

2017 Chusok Holiday Road Conditions				
	Area I USAG Red Cloud	Area II USAG Yongsan	Area III USAG Humphreys	Area IV USAG Daegu
SAT 30 SEP	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
SUN 1 OCT	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
MON 2 OCT	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
TUE 3 OCT	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow
WED 4 OCT	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
THR 5 OCT	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
FRI 6 OCT	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
SAT 7 OCT	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
SUN 8 OCT	Yellow	Red	Green	Red
MON 9 OCT	Yellow	Red	Green	Red
TUE 10 OCT	Green	Green	Green	Green

**GREEN:** Highway conditions are normal.

**AMBER:** Military vehicles, other than those required for essential business, will not be driven on highways. POV owners need to use extreme caution and are encouraged to observe the rules established for military vehicles. An **O-3 or GS-10 or above** may authorize mission on back of dispatch.

**RED:** Military vehicles, other than emergency/essential business, will not be driven. **O-5 / GS-13 or above** may authorize usage for business that cannot be postponed without jeopardizing military requirements. Back side of dispatch must be signed by person authorizing mission.

**BLACK:** All U.S. Government vehicles are prohibited from movement. Commanders **of O-6 and above** must personally authorize the use of emergency vehicles after the appropriate risk assessment and mitigation actions are considered.

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