**The View From 30,000 Feet**

Hey everyone - it's your favorite blogger with a safety tip for the next time you travel...FLY!

That's right, FLY to your destination - it's the safest mode of transportation. 'Safer than trains?' I hear you say? Yes, even safer than trains...and WAY safer than driving. Mile for mile, flying has the lowest rate of accidents and fatalities.

Here is a graph below of the amount of fatalities for every 100,000,000 miles. Note that it combines all the domestic U.S. airlines and uses data since 1985. Those small numbers on the left show how small a *fraction* of deaths occur for every 100 million miles.

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So basically, you would need either 30 people travelling 100,000,000 miles before you would expect a death, or have 1 person travel 3,000,000,000 (that's 3 *BILLION*) miles before a travel related death. That's the same as over 16 round-trips to the sun and back! Try to match THAT safety with driving!

Here's another bottom-line statistic to consider when contemplating driving versus flying somewhere:

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That's right - 140 times safer!

Source: NTSB

Not to mention, for every death on the roads, there are many serious injuries. Take a look:

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So for this holiday season, do the smart thing when deciding to plan a trip to visit your relatives - book a flight instead of driving! There's enough stress already in preparing for the holidays, so leave the hassle of getting to your destination to the experts - professional airline pilots!