

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN PEOPLE AGES 15 TO 20 YEARS OLD!!!

- In the U.S. in 2007, **4946** teens ages 13 to 19 died in motor vehicle related incidents.
- This included ATVs, motorcycles and pedestrians who were struck by a vehicle.
- 4149 (84%) were motor vehicle occupants.
- 3258 of these teens were males.
- When a teen who was a passenger dies in a collision, another teen was the driver 61% of the time.
- Teens at age 16 to 19 involved in fatal vehicle collisions were not wearing their seat belt 60% of the time.
- Of the fatal vehicle collisions involving teens age 16 to 19 – 48% involved only their vehicle.
- The highest death rate among male teen drivers were at age 19 & female drivers were at age 18.
- 34% of teen fatalities occurred between the hours of 6pm & 12am & were most prevalent on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays.
- Teen drivers were actually less likely to drive after consuming alcohol. However their chance of being involved in a fatal crash if they do so, is much higher than that of any other segment of the population. This is especially true in teens with low to moderate blood alcohol levels.
- 18% of teens age 16 to 17 killed in vehicle collisions had a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, while it was 32% in persons age 18 to 20.

*References: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
Highway Loss Data Institute*