

Virginia CODES

Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System



Traffic Safety Tips & 2007 Crash Facts

In 2007, 1,026 people died and over 68,800 were injured in Virginia traffic crashes

Don't Be a Statistic!

- **Always Buckle Up—Every Ride Every Time**

Death rates are almost 8 times higher and hospitalizations more than twice as likely when not buckled or restrained

- **Don't Drink and Drive—if you Drink, use a Designated Driver**

Over 11,000 persons were in crashes involving alcohol or drugs. Hospital charges alone were approaching \$40 million--an almost \$15 million increase from 2006.

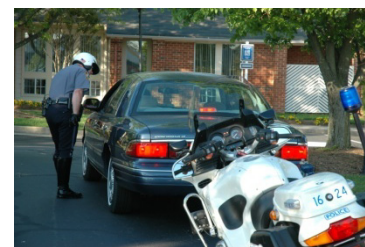
- **Avoid Distractions when Driving**

Driver inattention (ex. cell phones, daydreaming, eating) or error caused almost 75% of all injuries with hospital admissions averaging over \$29,000 beyond emergency or outpatient care

- **Obey Speed Limits—Speed Kills !**

When speed is involved in crashes, death rates are 12 times higher

Beyond emergency or outpatient care, more than 12,000 people were hospitalized due to crash injuries staying over 60,000 days with charges of over \$368 million.



Safe Driving Saves Lives . . . Always Buckle Up