

Virginia CODES

Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System



Traffic Safety Tips & 2008 Crash Facts

In 2008, 821 people died and 69,130 were injured in Virginia traffic crashes

Don't Be a Statistic!

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

Death rates are more than 8 times higher when the occupant is not buckled or restrained. Similarly, death is more than 8 times likely when alcohol is involved in the crash

- **Safety Starts Early—Click It**

Among 16, 17, & 18 year olds injured or killed while in the backseat, hospital charges and lengths of stay are almost \$28,000 higher and 3 days longer, respectively, for non-users of safety belts compared to belt users

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

Over 12,800 persons were in crashes involving alcohol or drugs—hospital charges alone exceed \$40 million dollars

- **Driver Fatigue—Get Plenty of Rest**

Nearly 40% of all fatigued drivers are injured when they crash

Beyond emergency or outpatient care, more than 12,000 people were hospitalized due to crash injuries staying over 53,000 days with charges of over \$355 million.



Safe Driving Saves Lives . . . Always Buckle Up

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