

FACTS & STATS

ABOUT YOUNG DRIVERS



Teenagers, and parents alike, perceive a driver's license as a ticket to freedom. But the price is steep...

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Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of teenagers

One teen died in a crash every

61
DAYS

One teen driver crash occurred every

4
hours

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related death for North Dakota teens. Young driver inexperience, coupled with immaturity, often results in risk-taking behaviors such as speeding, alcohol use, and not wearing a seat belt – all of which contribute to an increased death rate.

In North Dakota, teen drivers age 14-19 account for 7% of all licensed drivers, but are behind the wheel in nearly 21% of all crashes.

Over the past 5 years,

44

teens have died in vehicle crashes in the state

Traffic crashes are a leading cause of injury-related death for teens. **Impairment, passengers, distractions from mobile phones and navigation systems, speeding, and not wearing a seat belt** are among the major contributing factors to the number of teen injuries and fatalities on our nation's roads each year.

Sources:
Vision Zero - ND 2024, NDDOT 2024 Crash Summary, NHTSA

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