Motor Vehicle Traffic Injuries are the 2nd leading cause of injury related death in Ontario County. Traffic crash-related injuries are the 3rd leading cause of injury related hospitalization and a leading cause of injury related emergency department (ED) visits in Ontario County.

Traffic crash-related injuries are not accidents! They are not random, uncontrollable acts of fate, but occur in predictable patterns, with recognizable risk factors and among identifiable populations. A traffic crash-related injury is a predictable and preventable event!

**Magnitude of the Crash Problem**

- Every two **months**, because of a traffic crash, an average of:
  - 2 Ontario County resident(s) died
  - 9 Ontario County residents were hospitalized
  - 109 Ontario County residents were treated in an ED

- Annually, traffic crashes resulted in an average of:
  - $2.8 Million in hospitalization charges
  - Approximately $122.5 Thousand was charged to publicly funded programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, VA health care, and corrections.
  - $1.5 Million in ED charges

- 12% of hospitalized crash victims were released to another hospital, rehabilitation center or long-term care facility, **incuring additional costs.**
Who is at Risk for Crash-Related Injuries?

- Although most crash victims in Ontario County were vehicle occupants, a higher percentage of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists were injured severely enough to require hospitalization.

In Ontario County:
- Although females have a higher rate of outpatient ED visits, males are more likely to have died or been hospitalized from a traffic crash.
- Traffic-related crash injuries occur in all age groups.

For more detailed information on motor vehicle traffic crashes in New York State:

Please see the detailed county tables provided at [https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury_prevention/traffic/](https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury_prevention/traffic/)
Or visit the Governors Traffic Safety Committee website at [www.safeny.ny.gov](http://www.safeny.ny.gov)
For additional questions or customized data requests, you may also contact the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Occupational Health and Injury prevention at (518) 402-7900, [injury@health.ny.gov](mailto:injury@health.ny.gov)

Motor vehicle crash injuries are a leading cause of injury related deaths for Ontario County residents – and they can be prevented!