Motor Vehicle Traffic Injuries are the 4th leading cause of injury related death in New York State. Traffic crash-related injuries are the 2nd leading cause of injury related hospitalization and the 3rd leading cause for injury related emergency department (ED) visits in New York State.

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 month, because of a traffic crash, an average of:
  → 91 New York State resident(s) died
  → 1,008 New York State residents were hospitalized
  → 11,409 New York State residents were treated in an ED

• Annually, traffic crashes resulted in an average of:
  → $729 Million in hospitalization charges
  • Approximately $31 Million was charged to publicly funded programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, VA health care, and corrections.
  → $350 Million in ED charges

• 10% of hospitalized crash victims were released to another hospital, rehabilitation center or long-term care facility, incurring additional costs.
Who is at Risk for Crash-Related Injuries?

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

In New York State:
- 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:


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).