

Alcohol and Crashes Fact Sheet

African Americans are at Risk!



Did you know? ...

- The 16,885 fatalities in alcohol-related crashes during 2005 represent an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 31 minutes.
- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2005, more than 250,000 people were injured in crashes where police reports indicated alcohol was present – an average of one person injured every two minutes.
- According to the NHTSA "Ethnicity and Alcohol Related Fatalities" study (2000), in age groups above 40, African American drivers and pedestrians are especially at risk for alcohol-related fatalities and for being unbelted at the time of a crash.
- In 2004, more than 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. This is an arrest rate of 1 for every 139 licensed drivers in the United States.
(Centers for Disease Control Unintentional Injury Control Prevention Program
http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/inintentional_activity/2004/06_Alcohol_Impaired.htm)
- Of the 16,885 people who died in alcohol-related crashes in 2005, 14,539 (86%) were killed in crashes where at least one driver or nonoccupant had a BAC of .08 or higher.
- In 2005, 21 percent of the children age 14 and younger who were killed in motor vehicle crashes were killed in alcohol-related crashes.
- For more information, log onto www.stopimpaireddriving.gov.

