

# 2017 NEBRASKA Safety Belt Facts

- ✓ In Nebraska, 228 people died and 17,691 were injured in traffic crashes in 2017.
- ✓ In Nebraska, one collision occurs every 15 minutes.
- ✓ Thirty-four persons were injured each day in motor vehicle crashes and one person was killed every 38 hours.
- ✓ Of the 228 traffic fatalities, 171 (75%) **were** occupants of passenger vehicles.
- ✓ Of the 171 traffic fatalities, 70 (41%) were rollovers.
- ✓ Of the 171 traffic fatalities, only 49 (29%) **were** wearing safety belts; 122 (71%) were **not** wearing safety belts.
- ✓ Of the 122 (71%) **not** wearing safety belts, 51 (42%) **were** thrown from the vehicle.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes cost Nebraska over \$1,105,753,400 in 2017 utilizing the 2015 National Safety Council calculable costs of motor vehicle crashes.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among those ages 5-34.
- ✓ The observed safety belt use rate in 2017 for drivers and passengers was 85.9%.
- ✓ Safety belts - **when used** - reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45% and light truck occupants by 60%.

