

# 2016 NEBRASKA Safety Belt Facts

- ✓ In Nebraska, 218 people died and 17,962 were injured in traffic crashes in 2016.
- ✓ In Nebraska, one collision occurs every 15 minutes.
- ✓ Forty-nine persons were injured each day in motor vehicle crashes and one person was killed every 40 hours.
- ✓ Of the 218 traffic fatalities, 181 (83%) **were** occupants of passenger vehicles.
- ✓ Of the 181 traffic fatalities, 63 (35%) were rollovers.
- ✓ Of the 181 traffic fatalities, only 63 (35%) **were** wearing safety belts; 118 (65%) were **not** wearing safety belts.
- ✓ Of the 118 (65%) **not** wearing safety belts, 41 (35%) **were** thrown from the vehicle.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes cost Nebraska over \$943,211,800 in 2016 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 2016 for drivers and passengers was 83.3%.
- ✓ Safety belts - **when used** - reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45% and light truck occupants by 60%.

