

Who Dies in Motor Vehicle Crashes?

The automobile, a marvelous invention that definitely makes our lives easier. With so many vehicles on the road, there are bound to be some mishaps. After researching this information, I found out some interesting facts that we all need to be aware of:

- * Everyday 115 people are killed in traffic mishaps (that's like a DC-9 crashing everyday!)
- * Everyday 1 person dies in a traffic mishap every 13 minutes
- * Everyday 70 males, 35 females and 10 children are killed in vehicle mishaps
- * Everyday the economic cost to society is \$414 million dollars (\$95 million in fatalities, \$214 million in injuries and \$105 million in property damage)
- * Annually the leading cause of death for persons from ages 5-27 years old is motor vehicle accidents
- * Annually alcohol-related fatalities amounted to 17, 274 persons
- * Annually some 42, 907 persons die in vehicle accidents...1 every 13 minutes
- * Annually economic cost to society from motor vehicle accidents is \$150.5 billion dollars

So the next time you get behind the wheel, think about these statistics. Don't drink and drive, watch out for the other person and wear your seat belt.