

Eight Lights Dimmed Since November 21 - #Savethe20

Eight lives have been lost to motor vehicle crashes on North Dakota roads since November 21.

To prevent the loss of life in motor vehicle crashes during this holiday season, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and their partners created a campaign called **#Savethe20**. Crash data from 2011-2014 indicates *on average 20 people will die in motor vehicle crashes in North Dakota between November 21 and December 31.*

On average, two out of three motor vehicle fatalities during this time of the year in North Dakota are unbelted, nearly one-third are alcohol-related and one-third are speed-related.

Seventy-five percent of the motor vehicle fatalities since November 21 were unbelted and 50 percent were ejected; 12.5 percent were alcohol-related (results pending); and 50 percent were single vehicle rollovers.

Seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half. Air bags provide added protection but are not a substitute for seat belts. Air bags plus seat belts provide the greatest protection for adults and seat belts keep you safe inside your vehicle.¹



Data also shows that over the past four years, December 20 through December 28 has averaged eight motor vehicle fatalities. In an effort to save lives, we encourage the public to visit the [Code for the Road Facebook](#) page and share the **#Savethe20** graphic and posts to show support to **#Savethe20**.

Let's keep the remaining lights bright for North Dakota and ask everyone you know to buckle up, drive sober and slow down.

¹ <http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/seatbelts/facts.html>