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LACK OF SEAT BELT USE MAIN CONTRIBUTOR TO MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Statewide – The number one contributing factor of motor vehicle related fatalities in North Dakota is not wearing a seat belt.

In 2015, 61 percent of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota were not wearing their seat belt. ***Yet, 93 percent of the other vehicle occupants involved in these same fatal crashes were wearing a seat belt and received no injuries.***

“Buckling up is the safest thing anyone can do to protect themselves in case of a motor vehicle crash,” said Karin Mongeon, Safety Division Director with the North Dakota Department of Transportation. “It is important that we do all we can to help educate and remind motorists to wear seat belts. It not only protects them, but everyone in their vehicle.”

The North Dakota Department of Transportation administers federal grant funding as part of an overall effort to prevent deaths and injuries on North Dakota roads.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at dot.nd.gov, ndcodefortheroad.org or join the conversation on the Code for the Road Facebook or Twitter page.

Families are invited to create memorials for those who have died in crashes in North Dakota at ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial.

