



BRUTAL TRUTHS

HOW MANY TEENS DIE IN CAR WRECKS?

- More than 4,000 teens die every year in car crashes. That's an average of about 11 a day. Don't let your friends be one of the 11.
- Car crashes are the #1 killer of teens in the U.S., even more than alcohol, drugs, violence and suicide. Can you believe that?

WHY? WHAT CAUSES THIS?

- Speeding and dumb little errors are responsible for most of the fatal teen car wrecks. Can you say "preventable?"
- Nearly 40% of all fatal teen crashes are caused by speeding. News flash: Life is a better rush than death.
- 87% of teens admit to speeding. Be a rebel and drive the speed limit.
- Almost 25% of teen guys say they speed because it's "fun." Their injured friends, however, disagree.

ARE THERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GUY & GIRL DRIVERS?

- Twice as many teen guys die in car wrecks than teen girls. Just bad luck or is there something else going on here?

WHAT KIND OF IMPACT DO FRIENDS HAVE?

- Adding just one guy passenger to your car doubles the risk of a crash. Weird, but true.
- The more friends you add to your car, the greater the risk of a wreck. Drive like your friendships depend on it.
- 44% of teens say they drive safer without friends in the car. Next time you drive with friends, invite your conscience to ride up front.
- 50% of teens say they wouldn't speak up if a friend was driving recklessly. They just need to grow a backbone.
- A lot of teens drive recklessly to impress their date. Smart drivers have nothing to prove.

**NOW SHARE THE BRUTAL TRUTHS
SPEAK OUT. CHANGE MINDS. SAVE LIVES.**

ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?

- 56% of teens talk on their cell phones while driving, and 13% read or write text messages. Are these distractions worth an ambulance ride to the ER?
- Some teens think they'll get pulled over if they don't drive as fast as everyone else on the freeway. This just in: They won't!
- Two-thirds of teens who die in car wrecks are not buckled up. Sad when people can't even do the basics.
- If you drive between 9 p.m. and midnight, you're twice as likely to get in a crash.

WHAT ARE THE 10 CONSEQUENCES OF CARELESS OR RECKLESS DRIVING?

1. A really expensive ticket.
2. Losing your license.
3. Seriously hurting a friend or yourself.
4. Being sued and going to court.
5. Damaging property and having to pay for it yourself.
6. Killing somebody you care about or a complete stranger.
7. Serving time in jail.
8. Not being able to get into college because of a felony record.
9. Not being able to get a job because of a felony record.
10. Loss of your dreams, your future, and your reputation with friends.

WHAT CAN YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS DO?

- Buckle up.
- Drive the speed limit.
- Focus man, focus.
- Don't text or use cell phones while driving.
- Don't mess with the tunes when you're behind the wheel.
- Limit the number of passengers in your car.
- Don't drive if you've been drinking or using drugs and don't ride with anyone who has been either.

