

Making an Impact

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Our communities need you

Type of Preventable Death	2016	2017	Change	Percent Change
Poisoning (including drug overdose)	58,335	64,795	6,460	11.10%
Motor -vehicle	40,327	40,231	-96	-0.20%
Falls	34,673	36,338	1,665	4.80%
Suffocation by ingestion, inhalation	4,829	5,216	387	8.00%
Drowning	3,786	3,709	-77	-2.00%
Fires, flames, smoke	2,730	2,812	82	3.00%
Mechanical suffocation	1,781	1,730	-51	-2.90%
Natural heat, cold	1,189	1,269	80	6.70%
Struck by, against	790	806	16	2.00%
Machinery	610	572	-38	-6.20%
Firearms	495	486	-9	-1.80%
Water transportation	492	466	-26	-5.30%
Rail Transportation	421	439	18	4.30%
Air transportation	407	385	-22	-5.40%
Electric current	260	254	-6	-2.30%
Transport residual	1,401	1,503	102	7.30%
Nontransport residual	8,848	8,925	77	0.90%
Total	161,374	169,936	8,562	5.30%

The data collected by the National Safety Council shows that motor-vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of what is considered to be unintentional preventable deaths in the US. Education is the key to changing these statistics and it is up to all of us to continue providing good examples to our families & neighbors.

Many of us will look at these statistics and think that there is nothing that can be done. The truth is every single person in our community plays a roll.

Our voices and the examples shown by the choices we make, change lives every day. When we tell our experiences to community members that in turn change behavior and causes the ripple effect to begin.

When we show the results of the amazing Oregon Driver Education curriculum to a parent that in turn decides to educate their own child, another safer driver is created and another voice to encourage others to do the same. Our community grows stronger with each safe driver that is part of our community.

When we help an elderly family member realize that they are no longer safe on the road, we keep them from being another statistic.

When we ensure that a child is riding in a car seat that is the correct size and fitted properly, we safeguard them against injuries.

Our communities are in need of volunteers to help make our work continue to flow. We are also in need of community members that are willing to stand up and use their voices to help stop unsafe behaviors, and lead others to the tools we have to help create safer drivers of all ages.

Our Oregon Impact volunteers are in schools and at community events across our state sharing our tools and our experiences whenever we are asked. We are here to support your efforts.

Let's work together in 2019 to make our communities a safer place.

Elderly Drivers

Evaluate Your Driving Skills

By age 50, you may notice that you no longer feel comfortable driving on congested roads or you limit the hours you drive at night. Research shows that the majority of older drivers begin to restrict their driving because they recognize situations where they no longer feel safe.

- Feeling nervous or fearful while driving
- Dents and scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, garage doors, curbs, etc.
- Difficulty staying in the lane of travel
- Getting lost
- Trouble paying attention to signals, road signs and pavement markings
- Slow response to unexpected situations
- Medical conditions or medications affecting the ability to handle the car safely
- Frequent "close calls" (i.e. almost crashing)
- Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and on highway entrance/exit ramps
- Other drivers honking at you and times when you are angry at other drivers
- Friends or relatives not wanting to drive with you
- Trouble seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead
- Being easily distracted or having a hard time concentrating while driving
- Having a hard time turning around to check over your shoulder while backing up or changing lanes
- Frequent traffic tickets or warnings in the past two years

AARP recommends that if you notice one or more of these warning signs, you should attend a driver refresher class.

Consult with a doctor if you are having unusual concentration or memory problems, or other physical symptoms affecting your ability to safely drive a car.

Information provided by ODOT

Providence Driver Assessment

As we age, driving can become more difficult – even scary. The Providence Driving Assessment can help determine if it is safe for someone to continue driving. An occupational therapist works with each client to determine driver safety. The assessment includes:

- Review of the client's driving history
- Visual screening
- Physical screening to measure range of motion, strength and coordination
- Cognitive and perceptual screening
- Evaluation of functional mobility

An on-the-road driving test is not part of the evaluation. This assessment measures a person's ability to drive safely. It can ease concerns about drivers who experience health-related incidents or declining health but who wish to continue driving.

Call 503-574-6595 to find a clinic near you.

Oregon Driver Education

A lot has changed since most of us got our drivers licence. Many hours of research and data analysis have allowed us to create an amazing driver's education curriculum in Oregon. ODOT approved instructors are up to date on the current rules of the road and safety tips.

In 2017 in Oregon, 51 people were killed by 44 drivers age 15-20. Considering the data and statistics from 2013-2016, that would mean three or four of those drivers had taken driver education; 40 or 41 had not (2017 data is still preliminary).

Important information from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States – ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence.
- In 2016 in the U.S, there were 2,288 people killed in crashes involving a teen driver (15-18 years old), of which 814 deaths were the teen driver – a 6 percent increase from 2015.
- Parents can be the biggest influences on teens' choices behind the wheel if they take the time to talk with their teens about some of the biggest driving risks.

[Give your child a head start to being a safer driver by following this link to find an approved driving instructor near you.](#)

Information provided by ODOT

Car Seat Check-Up Events and Fitting Stations

[www.Child Safety Seat Resource Center.org](http://www.ChildSafetySeatResourceCenter.org)

Date	City	Location	Address	Time
1/17	Vancouver	Legacy Salmon Creek	221 NE 139th St	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
1/19	Vancouver	Peace Health Medical Center	92 Avenue Entrance	8:45 am - 2:15 pm
1/19	Beaverton	Kuni Auto Center	3725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.	9:00 am - 11:30 am
1/21	Bend	Bend Fire Dept	1212 SW Simpson Avenue	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
1/31	Forest Grove	Forest Grove Fire	1919 Ash Street	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
1/31	Eugene	Eugene Fire	1705 West 2nd Avenue	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
2/1	Milwaukie	Oak Grove Fire Dept	2930 Oak Grove Blvd	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
2/2	Buxton	Buxton Fire Dept	22870 NW Fisher Road	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
2/7	Redmond	Redmond Fire Dept	341 NW Dogwood Ave	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
2/7	LaGrande	Union County Sheriff	10200 S McAlister Rd	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
2/9	Hillsboro	Tuality Health	334 SE 8th Ave	9:00 am - 11:00 am
2/9	Keizer	Keizer Fire District	661 Chemawa Rd NE	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Save lives. Reduce crashes. Take the pledge to drive safely. It's not just about you, it's about everyone. Take the pledge to drive safely. It's not just about you, it's about everyone. Take the pledge to drive safely. It's not just about you, it's about everyone.

SAVE YOUR LIVES FOR LATER.

A DISTRACTED DRIVER CRASH OCCURS EVERY 2.5 HOURS IN OREGON.

IT'S BETTER TO STAY ALIVE THAN TO STAY CONNECTED.

DON'T TEXT OR TALK ON YOUR PHONE WHILE DRIVING.

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE OR A FRIEND'S LIFE.

IT IS NOT WORTH A LIFE.

DRIVE WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS. THE WAY TO AN OREGON SAFE DRIVER.

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Click here for the Brochure (#330575) PDF.

Click here for a form to order the Distracted Driving Brochure (#330575)



How many fatalities do we have on our roadways and what number of traffic fatalities is acceptable?

Clackamas County residents answer these questions in this video

[\(click here to watch\)](#)

that is a part of our Drive to Zero campaign.

<http://www.clackamas.us/drivetozero/>



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