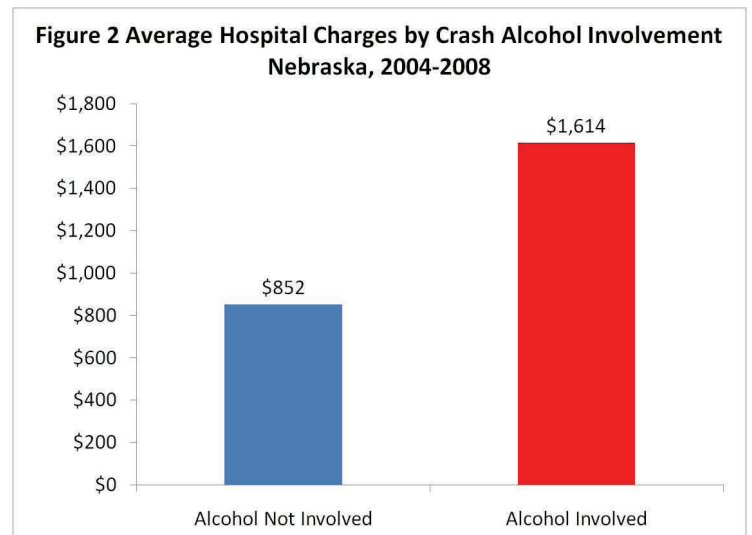
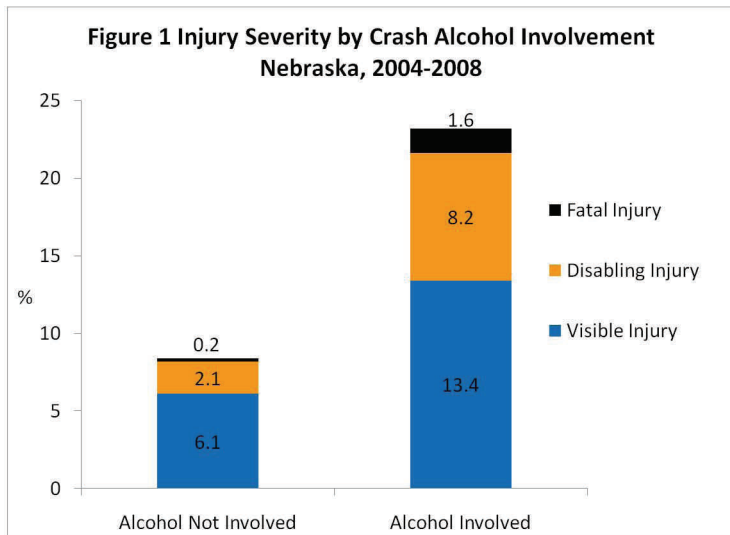


Nebraska CODES Traffic Safety Facts 2010

Alcohol and Crash Outcomes in Nebraska



From 2004 to 2008, 321 persons died from alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes, where at least one drunk driver was present. Persons in alcohol-involved crashes were much more likely to die (1.6% vs. 0.2%) or be severely injured (8.2% vs. 2.1%) than those in crashes where alcohol was not involved (Figure 1).

Average hospital charges per person for alcohol-involved crashes was \$1,614. This number almost doubled its counterpart (Figure 2). Recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicated that alcohol-related crashes cost society \$40 billion. This conservative estimate did not include pain, suffering, or lost quality of life.

What you could do to save your own and others' lives?



- **Plan ahead.** Always designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.
- **Take the keys.** Do not let a friend drive if they are impaired.
- **Be a helpful host.** If you're hosting a party, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver; always offer alcohol-free beverages; and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

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