Nebraska CODES Traffic Safety Facts 2016

Seatbelt use reduces death and severe injuries of alcohol-impaired drivers

A sample of 448,899 drivers who were involved in motor vehicle crashes in Nebraska from 2004 to 2013 were included.

When involved in alcohol-impaired driving leading to a motor vehicle crash, only 0.77% of drivers who used a seatbelt died while 8.24% of drivers who did not use a seatbelt died (Figure 1). Additionally, only 5.09% of drivers who used a seatbelt and were involved in alcohol-impaired crashes were severely injured while 23.86% of drivers without a seatbelt in similar situations were severely injured (Figure 2).

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