• Injuries are a public health problem in Nebraska. Overall, including unintentional and intentional injuries, injuries are the fourth leading cause of death in the state. Each year, in addition to more than 900 injury deaths, there were nearly 166,000 Nebraskans treated at hospitals for injuries.

• **Overall, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death.** Suicide is the second, followed by falls, suffocation, and homicides.

• From 2002 to 2006, 1,209 people died and 66,586 were injured in traffic crashes in Nebraska.

• Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 5 and 34.

• Motor vehicle crashes cost Nebraska over $744,168,600 annually.

**Injuries are preventable.** Strategies to prevent injuries include education, legislation, and technology. Community-based programs that combine these strategies are generally most effective in injury prevention. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services coordinates efforts to reduce and prevent injuries.

![Leading Cause of Injury Death, Nebraska, 2002-2006](image)