

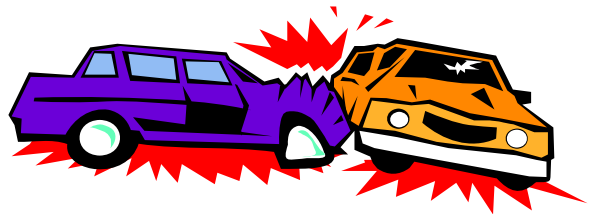


Adolescent Injury in Oklahoma

- Approximately 250 teenagers 13-19 years of age in Oklahoma die each year; ***injury*** accounts for 76% of these deaths.
- More teens die from unintentional injuries than from all other causes of death combined.
- The leading causes of injury death include motor vehicle crashes (54%), suicide (16%), and homicide (10%).
- Approximately 3,000 teenagers are hospitalized because of an injury each year.

Motor Vehicle Crashes

- Teenagers 15-19 years of age have a higher death rate from motor vehicle crashes than any other age group.
- Among 15-19 year olds, the motor vehicle crash death rate for males is almost two times higher than for females.
- Teens are more likely to kill other people than themselves in motor vehicle crashes.
- Compared to older drivers, teens are more likely to speed, have shorter distance between vehicles, and less likely to wear seat belts.
- Among teenagers in 9th-12th grade in Oklahoma, 13% reported driving while under the influence of alcohol and 27% rode with someone who had been drinking alcohol.
 - 11% of students reported they never or rarely wear seat belts.
- With all levels of alcohol use, the risk of a motor vehicle crash is higher for teens than older drivers.



Violence

- Homicides and suicides combined account for nearly 1 of every 5 deaths among Oklahoma's children 13-19 years of age.
- Over 20,000 juveniles less than 18 years of age are taken into police custody each year.
- Forcible rape and other sex crimes account for approximately 100 offenses per year.