

GTSB REPORT

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NHTSA IS HIGHLIGHTING VEHICLE RECALLS THIS JUNE

nhtsa.gov/recalls

safercar.gov



As you begin to think about a summer road trip, first make sure your vehicle gets a clean bill of health – free of recalls. NHTSA offers two great locations to investigate. In addition to any potential active recalls on your vehicle, you can also check your vehicle’s tires, safety equipment, car seats and more. Don’t be in the dark regarding recalls!

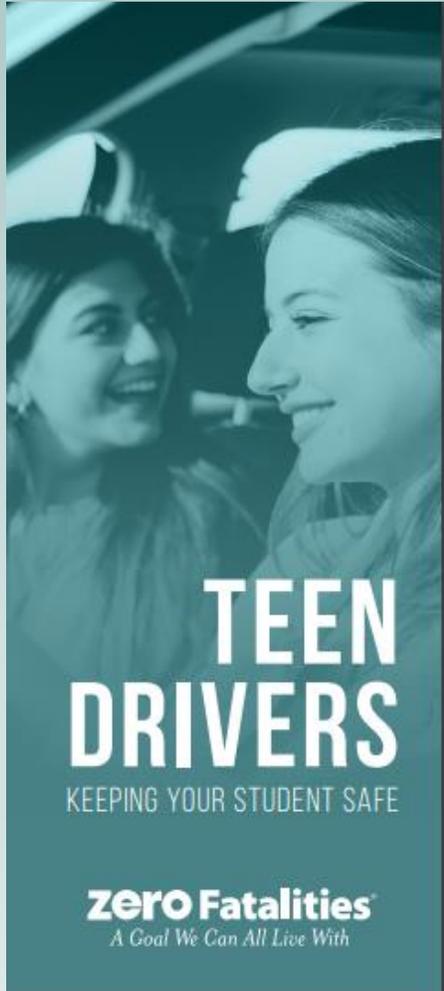
COVID-19 TRAFFIC TRENDS

In the midst of all the devastating news surrounding Covid-19, some of our traffic data provides us with a bright spot – specific to traffic crashes. We know that vehicle miles traveled are down, speeding issues are up, but total motor vehicle crashes are down.

	2019	2020*	Decrease
January	5,621	5,179	442 = 4%
February	5,972	3,714	2,258 = 23%
March	3,921	2,923	998 = 15%
April	4,013	2,262	1,751 = 28%

* 2020 numbers are preliminary data

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS A NEW TEEN DRIVING BROCHURE



TEEN DRIVERS
KEEPING YOUR STUDENT SAFE

Zero Fatalities
A Goal We Can All Live With

BUCKLE UP

Seat belts are the single most effective traffic safety device for preventing death and injury in a crash. People not wearing a seat belt are 30 times more likely to be ejected during a crash. Unbuckled passengers can become a projectile and increase the risk of hurting or killing others in the car by 40 percent. On top of that, your teen and their passengers are probably breaking the law by not wearing one.

OVER 50% OF TEEN DRIVERS KILLED IN CRASHES WERE UNRESTRAINED

↓ 18 A CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OLD MUST TO BE SECURED IN A SEAT BELT REGARDLESS OF THEIR PLACEMENT IN THE VEHICLE.

\$127.50 SAFETY BELT AND SAFETY RESTRAINT VIOLATIONS CARRY A MINIMUM FINE OF \$127.50.

FOCUS ON THE ROAD

Eighty percent of teens see themselves as safer-than-average drivers who don't believe their distracted driving puts them at risk. Parents can help protect their teen drivers by talking with them about these risks. Teens whose parents set firm rules for driving typically engage in less risky driving behaviors and are involved in fewer crashes.

70% OF TEENS ADMIT TO TALKING ON A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING

50% OF TEENS ADMIT TO READING A TEXT MESSAGE OR EMAIL WHILE DRIVING

↑ 50% **↑ 250%** **↑ 300%**

FOR YOUNG DRIVERS, THE RISK OF A CRASH INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY WITH EACH ADDITIONAL PASSENGER IN THE VEHICLE.

CHILL OUT

Actions like speeding, running a red light, failing to stop, failing to yield, tailgating, and weaving through traffic are all connected with aggressive driving. It's easy to condemn these behaviors, but the truth is they probably sound familiar. Remember, you can be the best example of a safe driver for your teen.

SPEEDING WAS A FACTOR FOR 35% OF TEEN DRIVERS IN FATAL CRASHES

SUSPENDED IF A DRIVER UNDER 18 IS CONVICTED OF A TRAFFIC VIOLATION* THEIR LICENSE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

(Including, but not limited to, speeding, reckless driving, failure to obey a traffic signal)

ESSENTIAL WORKERS ON THEIR WAY TO WORK - THIS REQUIRES PATIENCE



- Slow down when you see a piece of agricultural equipment. Most farm equipment is designed to travel at speeds of only 15 to 25 mph.
- Watch for electronic or hand turn signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over to allow someone to pass. The size of farm equipment often dictates the necessity of wide turns.
- Pass farm equipment cautiously. Even when passing safely and legally, machinery may sway or become unstable. Do not expect operators to drive their equipment onto the shoulder of the road.
- Driving with one set of tires on loose-surfaced shoulders substantially increases the risk of turning over.
- Remember agricultural vehicle operators have a right to drive their equipment on the road.

2020 COMMISSIONER'S AWARD CEREMONY

These recognitions typically take place during the annual GTSB Conference. While the conference was cancelled this year, it is still extremely important that we take time to spotlight our partners that go above and beyond. The 2020 Commissioner's Awards Ceremony will take place at the end of July (date TBD), in Des Moines, at the State Historical Building.



HIGHLIGHTED QUESTION FROM 2019 DOT SURVEY :

How often do you wear a safety belt if you are a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle?

Always = 47.93% 😞

Nearly Always = 14.16%

Sometimes = 13.16%

Seldom = 12.45%

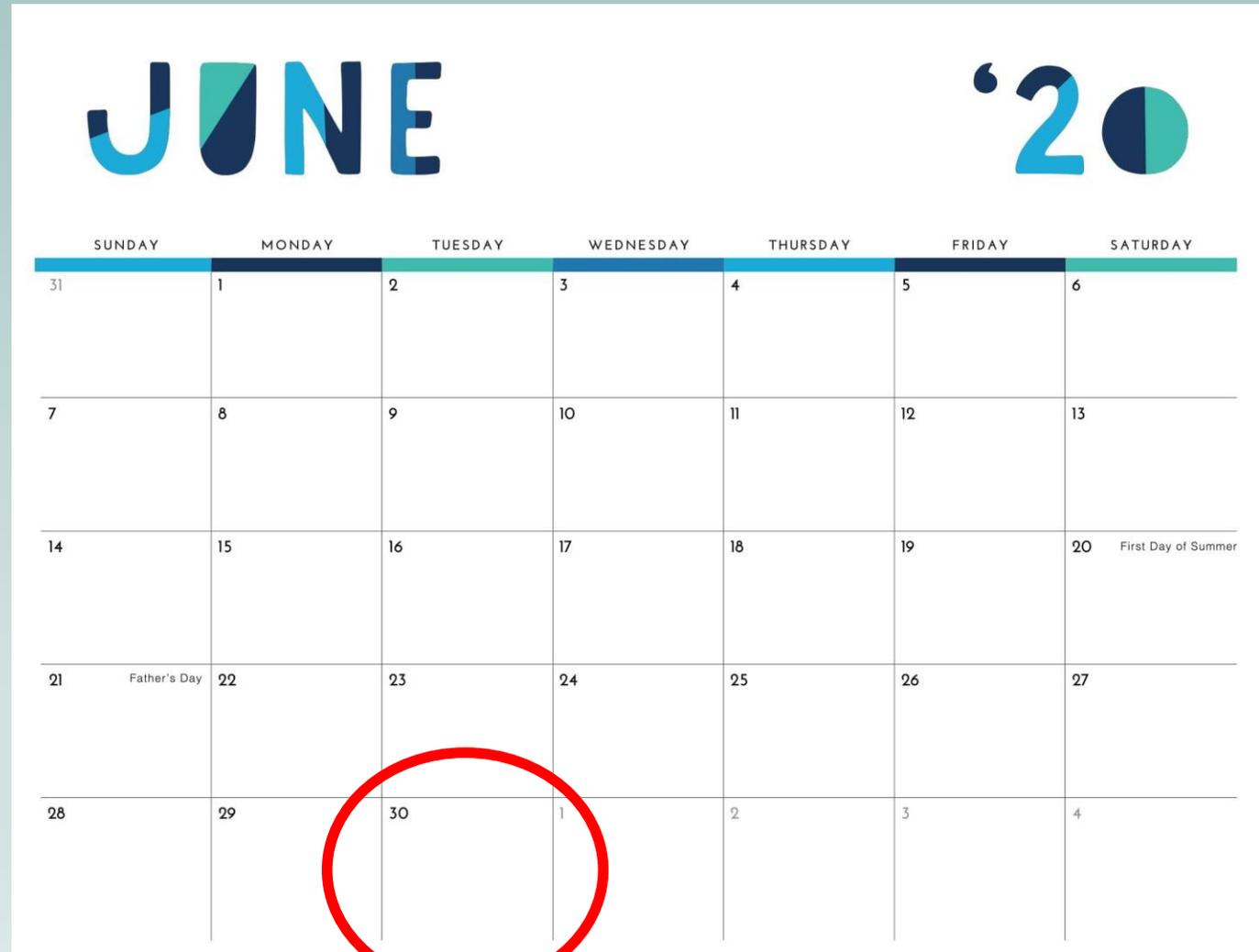
Never = 12.16%

Missing = .14%



LOOKING FOR A GOOD DAY TO WORK FROM HOME IN JUNE?

Over the course of a ten year period (2010 – 2019), June 30 has been the deadliest day of the month with the most number of traffic fatalities.



QUESTIONS?

STAY SAFE!

STAY HEALTHY!



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