

Minnesota Inattentive Driving Facts

- In 2013–2017 in Minnesota, inattentive or distracted driving was a contributing factor in 229 fatal crashes resulting in 244 deaths.
- During the same period, fatalities resulting from inattentive-related crashes cost Minnesota nearly \$300 million.
- Driver inattention or distraction is a leading contributing factor in fatal crashes. In 2017, 25 people were killed in inattention-related crashes.
- In 2013–2017, inattention or distraction was cited in 9 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- Over the five-year period, 2013–2017, 71 percent of the inattention-related fatal crashes occurred in rural areas (less than 5,000 population).
- In 2013–2017, inattention or distraction accounted for 25 percent of the factors cited in fatal crashes for drivers under age 30, comparable to the 15 percent of the factors cited for drivers age 65 and older.

Sources: *Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety;*

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