
Minnesota Inattentive Driving Facts

- In 2012–2014 in Minnesota, inattentive or distracted driving was a contributing factor in 165 fatal crashes resulting in 180 deaths.
- During the same period, fatalities resulting from inattentive-related crashes cost Minnesota nearly \$260 million.
- Driver inattention or distraction is a leading contributing factor in fatal crashes. In 2014, 61 people were killed in inattention-related crashes.
- In 2012–2014, inattention or distraction was cited in 21 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- Over the three-year period, 2012–2014, 68 percent of the inattention-related fatal crashes occurred in rural areas (less than 5,000 population).
- In 2012–2014, inattention or distraction accounted for 35 percent of the factors cited in fatal crashes for drivers under age 30, compared to only 16 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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