

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL FATAL CRASH INFORMATION CIRCLEVILLE POST

Local law enforcement officers investigate approximately 2,000 crashes every year.

Many of these crashes were caused by drivers who committed the same violation for which you were stopped.

Motor vehicle crashes are preventable, yet far too many fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring on our roadways. Please take a minute to read the following crash information and understand why we ask that you obey the traffic laws of our state.

Speeding

Speeding consistently tops the list of contributing factors for fatal and injury crashes within our community.

Did you know?

Speed reduces the time drivers have to avoid crashes, increases the likelihood of crashing and the affects the severity of crashes that do occur.

Assured Clear Distance Ahead/ Following Too Closely

Following too close is also a significant factor in many crashes.

Did you know?

The recommended following distance is a *minimum* of one car length for every 10 mph, or at least two seconds spacing between vehicles.

The average vehicle travels 80.3 feet per second; the average car length is 17 feet; the average response time is 1.5 seconds.

This means that your vehicle will have traveled almost 5 car lengths (85 feet) before you can react to what is in front of you!



Safety Belts

Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective thing one can do to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes.

Did you know?

On average, more than half of all Ohioans killed in motor vehicle crashes are not wearing a safety belt. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), wearing your safety belt doubles your chances of surviving a crash without serious injury, and children who are in proper car safety seats survive 90 percent of crashes. It is estimated that safety belts save more than 14,900 lives annually.

Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated

People who choose to drive impaired, and put innocent people in danger, need to know Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers are committed to improving the quality of life for Ohio families and protecting those who are safely using our public roadways. Despite the efforts of local law enforcement officers, we continue to see alcohol related arrests and crashes increase.

Did you know?

Under state law, the blood alcohol content (BAC) at which a person is considered impaired is .08 percent. The probability of a crash begins to increase significantly at .05 percent BAC and climbs rapidly after .08 percent. For drivers with BAC above 0.15 percent, the likelihood of being killed in a single-vehicle crash is more than 380 times higher.

PEAK TRAFFIC CRASH Times and Days

Tuesdays	6 – 9 AM & 3 – 6 PM
Wednesdays	6 – 9 AM & 3 – 6 PM
Thursdays	6 – 9 AM & 3 – 6 PM

These times show the morning and evening commutes to and from places of employment are when drivers should be especially aware.

Driving responsibly is about being more aware of whose lives are in your hands when you are in control of the car. State troopers want you to remember that you only have one chance to be aware of all your surroundings when you are driving. Don't ruin that one chance and take the risk of ending someone's life.

Please drive safely and always wear your safety belt.



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