

Work Safe... Drive Safe

If you are planning on traveling this holiday season, don't forget – you won't be alone! Before you head out, consider these tips to help you prepare.

- **Fuel up.** Don't head out without a full tank of gas. Also be sure to check other fluids and tire pressure.
- **Be patient.** Expect more traffic, and give yourself a little more time to reach your destination.
- **Don't be distracted.** Send your message or make your call before you head out on the road.
- **Watch for weather.** Know that weather can change from one mile to the next. Make sure your windshield is clear, allow for longer breaking distances, and decrease your speed.
- **Buckle up.** As you can see below, 69 % of traffic fatalities in North Dakota were not wearing a seat belt. Wear yours!

Travel Safe this holiday season! And, as always – Buckle Up!

FACTS. FIGURES.

Crashes	1/1/11 to 11/16/11	1/1/12 to 11/16/12	Increase/Decrease
Fatal Crashes	114	130	+16
Fatal Victims	127	146	+19
Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes	50	60	+10
Alcohol Related Fatal Victims	59	68	+9

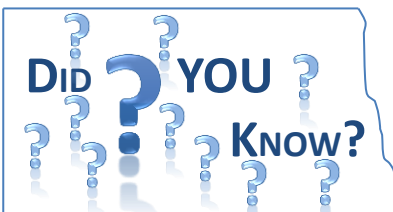
Source: NDHP

Safety Belt Usage of Fatal Victims	1/1/11 to 11/16/11	1/1/12 to 11/16/12
Wearing Safety Belts	24	35
Not Wearing Safety Belts	70	79
Usage Unknown	6	5
Usage Not Applicable	27	27

Did you know...

Most crashes in North Dakota happen between 5:00 PM and 5:59 PM.

-Source: ND Crash Summary for 2011



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