

Work Safe... Drive Safe

With Autumn upon us, motorists are reminded to watch for deer along roadways.

This is the peak period for deer-vehicle crashes. It's a good idea to slow down and remain extremely alert to avoid the likelihood of encounters with deer along the road. Most deer-vehicle crashes occur primarily at dawn and dusk when deer are most often moving around.

Be aware of warning signs signaling deer are in the area. When you see one deer cross the road, look for a second or third deer to follow.

A few precautions can minimize chances of injury or property damage in a deer-vehicle crash:

- Always wear your seat belt.
- Don't swerve or take the ditch to avoid hitting a deer. Try to brake as much as possible and stay on the roadway.
- If you spot deer ahead, slow down immediately and honk your horn.

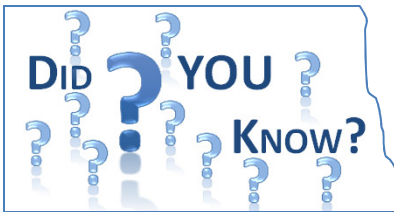
Be Safe! And, as always – Buckle Up!

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Crashes	1/1/11 to 10/15/11	1/1/12 to 10/15/12	Increase/Decrease
Fatal Crashes	92	109	+17
Fatal Victims	99	124	+25
Alcohol Related Fatal Crashes	35	50	+15
Alcohol Related Fatal Victims	40	58	+18

Safety Belt Usage of Fatal Victims	1/1/11 to 10/15/11	1/1/12 to 10/15/12
Wearing Safety Belts	19	31
Not Wearing Safety Belts	50	67
Usage Unknown	3	4
Usage Not Applicable	27	22

Source: NDHP



Did you know...

There were 2,887 deer-vehicle crashes in North Dakota in 2011, resulting in 21 injuries.

-Source: ND Crash Summary for 2011



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