



Adolescent Injury In Oklahoma

- More than 250 teenagers 15-19 years of age in Oklahoma die each year; ***injury*** accounts for 82% of these deaths.
- It is estimated that approximately 9,000 teenagers are hospitalized because of an injury each year.
- The leading causes of injury death include motor vehicle crashes (52%), homicide (17%), and suicide (17%).
- Teenagers 13-19 years of age are almost 400 times more likely to die from an injury than from HIV/AIDS.

Motor Vehicle Crashes

- Teenagers 15-19 years of age have a higher death rate from motor vehicle crashes than any other age group.
- Teens are more likely to kill other people than themselves in motor vehicle crashes.
- Compared to older drivers, teens are more likely to drink alcohol and drive and less likely to wear seat belts.
- Among teenagers in Oklahoma, 73% report they don't always wear seat belts and 32% drive or ride with a driver who is under the influence of alcohol.
- It is estimated that 9 out of 10 teenage motor vehicle crashes involve alcohol.

Violence

- Homicides and suicides account for 1 of every 4 deaths among Oklahoma's children 13-19 years of age.
- Over 30,000 juveniles less than 18 years of age are taken into police custody each year.
- Forcible rape and other sex crimes account for nearly 100 offenses per year.