

EMS Health and Safety Bulletin: Driver Safety



Motor vehicle crashes are the **leading cause of death** among workers in the U.S.



Statistics

- In 2014, 3,179 people were killed and an estimated 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.
- Between 2003-2012 – 18,716 work-related crash fatalities were recorded
 - 12,458 deaths in single-or multiple-vehicle crashes on public roadways
 - 2,924 deaths in crashes that occurred off the highway or on industrial premises
 - 3,316 pedestrian worker deaths as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle

Develop a Safety Program

Component 1 – Leadership commits to roadway safety – communicates roadway safety priority

Component 2 – Policies developed to guide everyone’s actions to promote road safety – policies should assist in limiting distracted driving

Component 3 – Driver selection, training, and evaluation that maximizes road safety – review driving records at least once a year; develop driver evaluation programs; minimize drowsy driving

Component 4 – Safe and well-maintained vehicles – follow vehicle maintenance requirements; keep tire inflated;

Help Prevent Crashes

- Limit distractions while driving – cell phones, radios, eating, etc.
- Do not drive while under the influences of drugs or alcohol
- Follow maintenance plans and policies on ambulances
- Drive safely and obey appropriate laws and policies
- If possible, pull over to a safe location to text or make a phone call
- **Wear your seatbelt!**

Additional Resources

Preventing Work Related Motor-Vehicle Crashes - <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2015-111/pdfs/2015-111.pdf>

Distracted Driving at Work - <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/distracteddriving/default.html>

National Safety Council – Distracted Driving - <http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/distracted-driving.aspx?var=mnd>