

# CDC Vitalsigns Motor Vehicle Crash Injuries



Facts and figures on motor vehicle crash injuries and ways to prevent accident.

## **Costly but Preventable**

More than 2.5 million Americans went to the emergency department (ED)—and nearly 200,000 were then hospitalized—for crash injuries in 2012. On average, each crash-related ED visit costs about \$3,300 and each hospitalization costs about \$57,000 over a person's lifetime. The best way to keep people safe and reduce medical costs is to prevent crashes from happening in the first place. But if a crash does occur, many injuries can still be avoided through the use of proven interventions. More can be done at every level to prevent crashes and reduce injuries, but state-level changes are especially effective.

State officials can:

- Consider using proven interventions that increase the use of car seats, booster seats, and...