Traffic Fatalities

2020 Kansas Traffic Deaths

183

DRIVE TO ZERO

↑ 3.8%
Compared to
1/1/19 - 6/17/19

Preliminary data as of June 22, 2020

Getting On The Road
Is your teen ready to get their driver's license?

Learn about Kansas' Graduated Driver's License laws here and get a printable flyer here.

Need to renew your driver's license or vehicle registration? Use iKan's website or app.
Currently, Gov. Laura Kelly's Executive Order 20-36 extends expired driver's licenses, permits, & vehicle registrations until rescinded, until June 30, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on May 26, 2020, expires, whichever is earlier.

Upon that expiration, Kansans will have 60 days to complete the needed transactions to update credentials and/or registrations. Many offices are reopened, visit the Kansas Department of Revenue's reopening site for more information.

Summer Safety

- Be patient and pay attention
- Pass with extreme caution
- Don't assume that a farm vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is turning or allowing you to pass
- Slow moving vehicle emblem is a warning - adjust your speed

See our new golf cart, UTV, and ATV safety flyer.
In Kansas, UTVs and similar vehicles:
* Cannot be driven on highways or unauthorized city streets.
* Can cross over streets or highways.
* Must have lights for use between sunset and sunrise.

In Kansas, golf carts:
* Cannot be driven on streets with a speed limit over 30mph
* May cross streets or highways.
* Must have lights for use between sunset and sunrise.
* Have a properly mounted slow-moving vehicle emblem.

Find more safety guidelines here.

100 Deadliest Days
More than 8,300 people died in crashes involving teen drivers from 2008 to 2018 during the "100 Deadliest Days," the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

- Talk with teens early and often about dangerous behaviors behind the wheel, such as speeding, impairment and distracted driving.
- Teach by example and minimize risky behavior when driving.
- Establish a parent-teen driving agreement that sets family rules for teen drivers.
- Conduct at least 50 hours of supervised practice driving with their teen.

For more information and resources, visit TeenDriving.AAA.com.
The majority of hot car deaths - 54% - happen because someone forgets a child in a car.

- About 46% of the time when a child was forgotten, the caregiver meant to drop the child off at a daycare or preschool.
- Thursdays and Fridays - the end of the workweek - have had the highest deaths.
- Nearly 75% of children who are forgotten and die are under 2 years old.

**Tips for heatstroke death prevention:**

- Look before you lock.
- Keep vehicles locked and key fobs out of reach so kids can't get inside.
- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.

If you see a child alone in a vehicle, make sure they are okay and responsive. If not, call 911 immediately.

- If the child appears to be okay, attempt to locate the parents; if at a public place, have the facility page the car owner over an intercom system.
- If the child is not responsive and appears to be in distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child—even if that means breaking a window with something like Kids and Cars’ Resqme emergency tool.
Impaired Driving

**DON’T LET INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Between July 3-5, 2018, nighttime crash deaths were 8 times higher than average.
If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home.  
Is it your turn to be the designated driver?  
Take that role seriously and do not have even one alcoholic drink.  

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.  
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911.  
- Take the keys away from a friend who is about to drink and drive and make arrangements to get them home safely.  

Our Mission is to provide public information and education to protect Kansans from avoidable injury or death on Kansas roadways.