

TRIBAL ROAD SAFETY

Tribal Leaders and Public Health Professionals: What Can Be Done

**American Indians (AI)
and Alaska Natives (AN)**
have the highest rate of motor vehicle-related
deaths compared with other Americans.

You can make
a difference.
Help keep tribal
communities safe.

56%

**More than half of AI/AN who died in motor vehicle
crashes were not buckled up.**

Strategies to Increase Seat Belt Use

- Seat belt laws that require drivers and passengers to wear seat belts.
- Primary safety belt laws that allow police to stop a vehicle solely if a driver or passenger is not buckled.
- Enhanced enforcement programs that include publicity.

8X

**AI/AN infants have a motor vehicle-related death
rate 8X higher than non-Hispanic white infants.**

Strategies to Increase Child Safety Seat Use

- Enforcement of child safety seat laws that require children riding in motor vehicles to be buckled up in car seats or booster seats appropriate for the child's age, height, and weight.
- Safety seat distribution and education programs.

**2 in 3 crashes on reservations are
related to drunk driving.**

Strategies to Decrease Alcohol-Impaired Driving

- Enforcement of:
 - 0.08% or lower Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Laws.
 - Minimum Legal Drinking Age Laws.
 - Zero tolerance laws for drivers younger than 21 years old.
- Publicized sobriety checkpoint programs.
- Ignition interlocks after impaired driving convictions.
- Mass media campaigns.



**Learn more about how to reduce motor vehicle
injuries and deaths in tribal communities**

www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/native