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# PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE FACT SHEET

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- During 2009, 22 pedestrians were killed in Iowa traffic crashes, one less than in 2008.
- During the 1990s, an average of 28 pedestrians were killed annually in Iowa traffic mishaps. Since 2000, Iowa has averaged approximately 20 pedestrian deaths per year. Pedestrian fatalities represent nearly 5% of all traffic fatalities in this decade.
- Over one-half of all pedestrian deaths in Iowa since 1984 have been persons under 20 or over 65 years of age.
- Iowa currently averages over 500 traffic-related pedestrian injuries each year.
- Pedestrian actions, which contribute to pedestrian traffic fatalities, include not crossing the street at crosswalks, walking in an improper position on the roadway, running onto the roadway from between parked cars, and drinking.
- Vehicle operator actions, which contribute to pedestrian fatalities, include failure to yield, obscured vision, inattentive or distracted, speeding, and drinking.
- Two bicyclists were killed in 2009 Iowa traffic crashes; three fewer than in 2008.
- Over 450 bicyclists are injured annually as a result of Iowa traffic crashes.
- During the decade of the 1990s, an average of 8 bicyclists were killed each year in traffic crashes. Since 2000, an average of 5 bicyclists have been killed annually.
- Since 1984, over 50% of all bicyclists killed in Iowa traffic crashes were 19 years of age or younger. During the same period, over 65% of all bicyclists injured in Iowa crashes were 19 or younger.
- Nationally, 4,378 pedestrians and 716 bicyclists were killed in 2008 traffic crashes.
- During 2008, nearly 70,000 pedestrians were injured nationwide, while more than 50,000 bicyclists were injured.

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