Road traffic fatalities are the second leading cause of death among youth in the Americas.

CLOSE TO 30,000 YOUNG PERSONS AGED 15-24 YEARS DIE EACH YEAR DUE TO ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES.

NEW TEEN DRIVERS HAVE UP TO 10 TIMES THE CRASH RISK OF ADULTS.

ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES CONTRIBUTE TO DISABILITIES, MEDICAL COSTS, FUTURE EARNING LOSSES, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND REDUCED QUALITY OF LIFE.

ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES AMONG YOUTH IN THE AMERICAS

Homicides 24%
Traffic fatalities 20%
Suicides 7%

4 OUT OF 5 OF THESE ARE MALES.

ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES ARE PREVENTABLE.

RISK FACTORS

- IMPAIRED DRIVING
- DISTRACTED DRIVING
- RISK TAKING
- DRIVING WITH PEERS
- NOT USING SEATBELTS
- INEXPERIENCE
- SPEEDING
- RIDING WITHOUT HELMET

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