

WHEN AMBULANCES CRASH

EMS Provider & Patient Safety

DATA COLLECTED BETWEEN 1992-2011



4,500

vehicle traffic crashes involving an ambulance per year

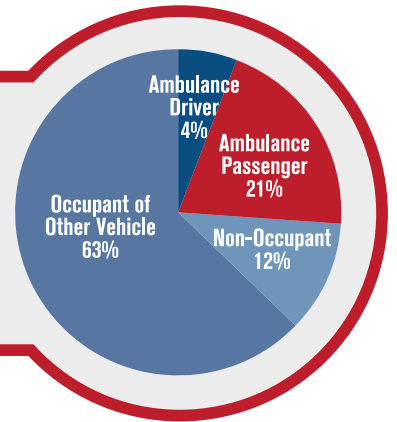
ESTIMATED ANNUAL AVERAGE

34%

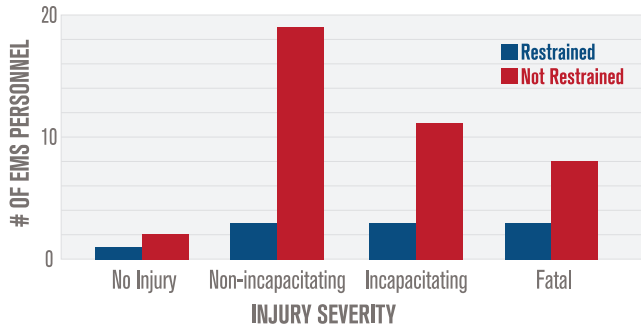
resulted in injuries

33

people killed per year



Injury Severity and Use of Safety Restraints in EMS Providers*



84%

OF EMS PROVIDERS IN THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT



WERE NOT RESTRAINED*

ONLY 33%

OF PATIENTS

WERE SECURED*

WITH SHOULDER AND LAP RESTRAINTS

* IN SERIOUS CRASHES INVESTIGATED BY NHTSA

44% of patients were ejected from the cot in serious crashes*

61%

restrained with lateral belts only*

38%

shoulder harnesses were available but were not used*



SIT DOWN & BUCKLE UP!

Secure Your Patients. They Rely on You!

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