WHEN AMBULANCES CRASH

EMS Provider & Patient Safety

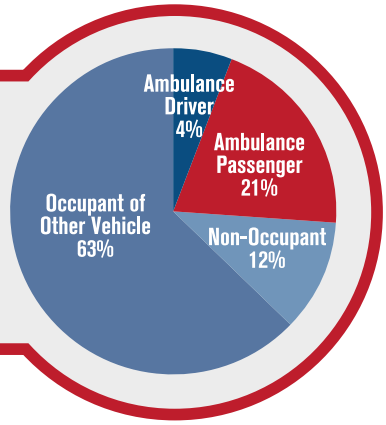


DATA COLLECTED BETWEEN 1992-2011

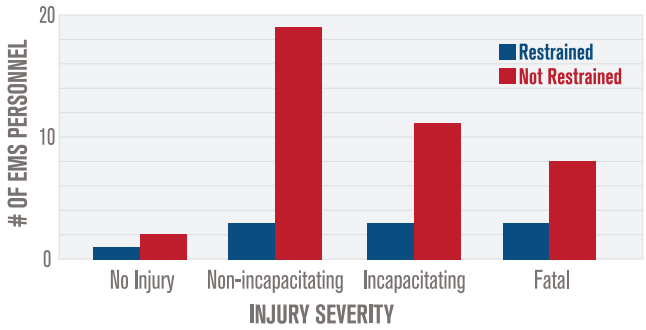
4,500
vehicle traffic crashes involving an ambulance per year
ESTIMATED ANNUAL AVERAGE

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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