



Position Statement on Reducing Traffic-Related Fatalities and Injuries

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- 1. The American College of Physicians recommends a public health approach to the prevention of traffic-related fatalities and injuries and supports the implementation of comprehensive evidence-based strategies to reduce traffic-related fatalities and injuries.**
- 2. ACP encourages increased funding and support for research into the causes and prevention of rising traffic-related fatalities and injuries in the United States.**
- 3. ACP supports legislation and rulemaking to promote traffic, cyclist, and pedestrian safety, including but not limited to, primarily enforced distracted driving, restraint, and seat belt laws; safer motorized and non-motorized vehicle design; safer road, bicycle lane, and sidewalk design; appropriate speed limits; graduated driver's license programs; and promotion of non-motor vehicle and public modes of transportation.**
 - a. ACP supports legislative and/or regulatory action to ensure the availability of and mandate the use of appropriate restraints by all motor vehicle occupants.**
 - b. ACP supports legislation that mandates the use of helmets by all riders of bicycles, motorcycles, electric scooters, and related vehicles, and encourages efforts to increase the availability of and encourage the use of helmets.**
 - c. ACP encourages states to review and revise standards for the construction and maintenance of roads to ensure they reflect evolving engineering knowledge and best practices, while ensuring pedestrian and cyclist safety remain a central consideration.**
- 4. ACP reaffirms its support for the stringent enforcement of existing laws to curtail alcohol and other substance-related traffic injuries and deaths. ACP encourages the enactment of more effective laws related to impaired operation of motorized vehicles.**