Red-Light Running Dangers

in the United States



On average, **two people died** each day in red-light running crashes in the United States in 2011.

Source: National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



From 2007-2011 an average of...

751 people died each year in red-light running crashes.

Source: NCSA office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



63 people died each month in red-light running crashes.

Source: NCSA office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



\$378 million was lost in costs due to red-light running fatalities **each month**.

Cost Source: AAA and Cambridge Systematics. "Crashes vs. Congestion -- What's the Cost to Society?" November 2011.





Total red-light running crash fatalities decreased **22%** from 2007 to 2011, as the number of communities with **red-light safety cameras** increased **135%**.

Sources: NCSA office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

201 fewer people died in red-light running crashes in 2011 than in 2007, saving **\$1.2** billion in costs.

Sources: NCSA office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and AAA and Cambridge Systematics. "Crashes vs Congestion -- What's the Cost to Society?" November 2011.

Year-to-year **changes in red-light running fatalities** reveal an average annual **decrease of 5.6%** from 2007 to 2011.

Source: NCSA office of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In 2011, about **half of the red-light running deaths** were people **other than the red-light runner**. *Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.*

In 2011, red-light running crashes injured 118,000 people.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.









The Value of Red-Light Safety Cameras

Cameras save lives

Within a few months after red-light cameras stopped operating in Virginia Beach, **red-light running rates tripled at intersections where cameras were shut down**. Within a year, the rate was four times higher, eliminating all traffic safety risk reductions. Two years later, the Virginia Legislature reinstated the law permitting the use of red-light cameras.

Source: "Turning off the cameras: Red light running characteristics and rates after photo enforcement legislation expired." Accident Analysis and Prevention. 2012.

A 2012 study by Texas Transportation Institute found **right-angle red-light running crashes decreased by 24%** at intersections with red-light safety cameras.

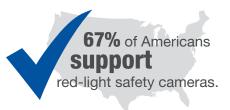
Source: "An Empirical Bayes Analysis of Photographic Traffic Enforcement Systems in Texas" Texas Transportation Institute, August 2012.

A 2011 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found **red-light safety cameras lowered red-light running fatalities**

by 24% and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections **by 17%** in a study of 14 large U.S. cities.

Source: "Effects of Red Light Camera Enforcement on Fatal Crashes in Large U.S. Cities." Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. February 2011.





- 2011. Public Opinion Strategies.

Red-light safety cameras have strong public support

A 2011 survey of 14 large cities with long-standing red-light camera programs found that **two-thirds of drivers** support their use.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety website, Q&A Red Light Cameras "Does the American public support red light cameras?" Why do we need red light cameras?" Downloaded July 18, 2013.

Red-light running fines fund community needs

In Florida, more than **\$4.4 million from red-light running fines** has gone to **spinal cord injury research** to cure paralysis.

Source: Florida Department of Revenue.

Cameras save money for taxpayers, communities

A single fatal crash costs society \$6.43 million* in 2013 dollars, and includes costs to victims, families, government, insurers and taxpayers.

Source: AAA and Cambridge Systematics. "Crashes vs. Congestion -- What's the Cost to Society?" November 2011.

*Figure is 2009 cost of \$6 million adjusted for inflation using http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/







