The table above presents estimates of the lives saved in 2015 and previous years by various protective devices or laws. The estimates were obtained by combining information from fatal traffic crashes with estimates of the effectiveness of each device or law in saving lives. For seat belts and motorcycle helmets, the table also estimates the numbers of additional lives that could have been saved if the devices had been used by more people.

*Estimated reductions in deaths that resulted from the presence of laws establishing a minimum legal age of 21 years for the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

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