Contact FHWA for More Information

The FHWA’s Local and Rural Road Safety Program provides practical information for practitioners, planners, and decision makers to help them prevent crashes, and to reduce severity when crashes do occur.

You can order copies of the Local Roads Safety Resource CD on-line at http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/resourced. For more information about Local Roadway Safety, contact:

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FHWA resources for infrastructure safety improvements are available.

Check out the Highway Safety Program website at:
http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov
Whether you are a local road safety advocate, a practitioner, an elected official, or a community leader, you need information and tools to plan and implement roadway safety improvements.

The Local Roads Safety Resource CD provides quick and easy access to the latest information on local roads safety. Organized by topic area in one place, the CD provides guidance, tools, and other resources from government agencies and national associations on local roadway safety.

The CD’s easy-to-use format and portability make it a vital resource for your agency’s local roads safety resource library. The free CD may be ordered online at http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/resourcecd.

The majority of highway fatalities take place on rural roads. In 2008, 56 percent of the 37,261 U.S. highway deaths occurred on rural roads, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. About 23 percent of the population lives in rural areas. The fatality rate for rural crashes is more than twice the fatality rate for urban crashes. System-wide, low-cost safety improvements are a very cost-effective approach to improving local and rural road safety.

The CD is organized by the following topic areas:

- **CRASH DATA** Crash facts and statistics, and data analysis tools.

- **CRASH TYPES** Technical and policy guidance, tools, documents, and web resources to implement countermeasures to prevent roadway departure crashes, intersection crashes, speed-related crashes, pedestrian crashes, crashes involving motorcycles, and crashes involving heavy trucks.

- **FHWA SAFETY PROGRAMS** Information about FHWA programs and guidance related to local road safety, including the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the Safe Routes to School Program, information on safety design and operations, Road Safety Planning resources, Proven Safety Countermeasures guidance, and Road Safety Audit guidance and technical assistance.

- **GENERAL RESOURCES** General documents, web resources, and training resources related to local and rural road safety.

- **ROAD USER SAFETY** Guidance and resources for increasing roadway safety for special populations, including older and younger drivers, impaired drivers, drowsy drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

- **OUTREACH MATERIAL** Brochures, presentations, and publications to help you gain support for local and rural road safety improvement activities.

- **LOCAL ROADS SAFETY RESEARCH** Latest research reports related to current topics in local and rural roads safety.