



# DRIVE SAFELY STAY ALERT

**31,824** wildlife-vehicle collisions were reported on Colorado's roads from 1993 to 2005\*:

13,579 deer	21 moose
2,538 elk	17 horses
208 bear	11 fox
143 antelope	7 rabbits
69 coyote	3 beaver
48 sheep	4 porcupines
42 birds (13 eagles, 2 pheasant, 5 owls, 4 hawks, 1 crane, 8 turkeys, 9 other)	1 goat
30 mountain lion	1 badger
22 raccoons	11 lynx
	1 wolf
	74 other
	14,994 unknown

\*a 16-50% reporting rate should be factored in when estimating wildlife-vehicle collisions from accident reports.

**29** people were killed.

2,825 sustained injuries.

29,293 experienced property damage.

\$2,800 is the average cost per claim;

\$7,890 for deer; \$17,100 for elk; and

\$28,100 for moose.

# DRIVER SAFETY TIPS

- **STAY ALERT** especially at dawn and dusk.
- **SLOW DOWN** to increase your reaction time.
- **SCAN AHEAD** and watch for movement along roadsides.
- **LOOK FOR MORE ANIMALS** after you see one animal.
- **BRAKE. DON'T SWERVE.**
- **BE READY** for animals to change direction.
- **DON'T LITTER.**
- **OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS** including speed limits and wildlife warning signs.
- **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.**

## AT NIGHT:

- **WATCH FOR SHINING EYES** in your headlights.
- **USE HIGH BEAMS** to improve visibility.
- **SLOW DOWN** on blind curves.
- **PASS WITH CARE.**

**CALL COLORADO STATE PATROL AT \*CSP IF YOU ARE IN AN ACCIDENT WITH WILDLIFE**



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