Roundabouts Save Lives

2024 National Roundabouts Week Factsheet

Did you know roundabouts save lives wherever they are? It's true. Roundabouts can reduce fatal and serious injuries by <u>up to 82 percent</u> at intersections. The life-saving benefits of roundabouts are due in large part to the channelized, curved approaches that force drivers to slow down and yield to oncoming traffic. This configuration also improves traffic flow.

Committed to enhancing roadway safety for all road users, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is raising awareness about roundabouts and their safety benefits during National Roundabouts Week, Sept. 16-20. First established in 2018 for the third week each September, this year marks the 7th National Roundabouts Week. Find outreach and education resources at the FHWA campaign page, <u>https://highways.dot.gov/safety/intersection-safety/nrw</u>.

Stay in the conversation by using or searching #RoundaboutsWeek on social media platforms.

Quick facts about roundabouts

- 10,000+ roundabouts have been installed in the U.S.
- Lower speeds of 15-25 mph make roundabouts a safer choice for everyone, and especially for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Roundabouts can cost less than signals over time because they do not require signal equipment installation, power, and maintenance.
- With less idling, roundabouts cause less vehicular pollution than traffic signals.
- Roundabouts can reduce traffic delays and stops by up to 74 percent.

Rules of the Roundabout

- Slow down
- Look around
- Be ready to yield

Watch tutorial [2:16]

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More Resources

FHWA Intersection Safety - Roundabouts [website]

Office of Safety Proven Safety Countermeasure – Roundabouts Overview [1-page pdf]

Roundabouts with Pedestrians & Bicycles: A Safe Choice for Everyone [brochure]

Rural Roundabouts are Saving Lives [webinar]

NCHRP Research Report 1043: Guide for Roundabouts [pdf download, read online]