

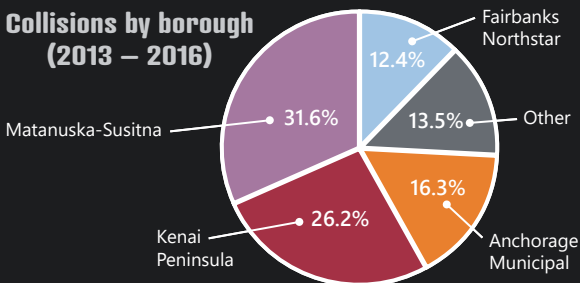
Moose Vehicle Collisions

A safety issue for drivers in Alaska

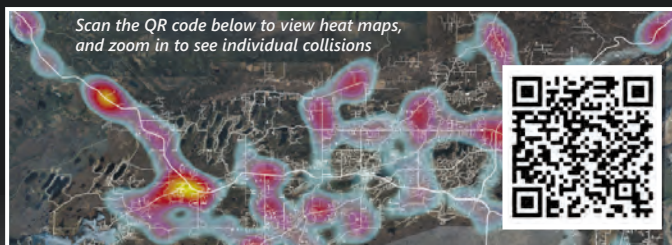
Hundreds of moose are killed in collisions each year. These accidents can also cause an injury or fatality for people involved, and cost tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Here is what drivers should know:

- Collisions can happen anywhere along the road system but occur most often in the urban communities of Alaska.**

Collisions by borough (2013 – 2016)



Interactive maps of moose collision “hot spots” allow users to explore areas of communities with high moose-vehicle conflict.



- Collisions can occur at any hour and during any season but increase at dusk and dawn, and peak during winter.**

Hungry moose are attracted to roadside vegetation year round. As the snowpack deepens in winter, moose use roadways for travel because they provide easier walking.

- Collisions can happen to anyone. Distracted driving increases the risk.**



Photo by Kat Belcher, NPS

Find the interactive maps online at:
www.adfg.alaska.gov
and search “moose collisions”

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What drivers can do to prevent them

Hi, I'm Miles the Moose, and here are some helpful tips I recommend for all drivers:

- 1. Slow down,** especially in bad weather, at night, or whenever visibility is reduced.
- 2. Be alert!** Scan both sides of the road for wildlife.
- 3. Keep ample distance** from other cars.
- 4. Clean vehicle windows and headlights** regularly to improve visibility when driving.
- 5. Look for more moose.** Cows often have calves nearby, though one or the other may not be visible from the road.
- 6. Know the moose "hot spots"** or local places where moose often cross the road, and watch for moose crossing signs.
- 7. Use hazard lights!** Know how to turn them on in any vehicle. Give them a flash while driving to warn other drivers anytime you observe wildlife on or near the road.

**Give your
HAZARDS a FLASH
to avoid a crash!**

