

A heartbreaking crash

Could you imagine losing three of your best friends? That was the devastating reality for John Westhaver. In his talk, John explains how a fatal crash over 20 years ago changed his life and left him with severe burns to 75% of his body. John uses living through the aftermath of the accident to talk to young people about dangerous driving behaviours in the hope that his experience could prevent other fatal crashes from happening. He is the recipient of the Coast Mental Health *Courage to Come Back Award* and the *Queen Elizabeth Diamond II Diamond Jubilee Medal*.



John Westhaver

John is available from November 25 to November 29, 2019.

Recommended Audience: **Grades 10 to 12**

Requirements: LCD projector screen, microphone, sound system, laptop

Length: Approximately 45-minute presentation + 15-minute Q+A

Schedule a presentation

To schedule a presentation, please contact
Community Relations at 204-985-8737 or RoadSafety@mpi.mb.ca.

Encourage your students to be 'friends for life'

When your school hosts a presenter, you will receive a Friends for Life banner that students can sign as a pledge to be 'friends for life'. This pledge means they're committed to making safe driving choices and will encourage their friends to do the same.

About Friends for Life

Young Manitoba drivers (age 16 - 19) are consistently over-represented in collisions related to distracted driving, impaired driving and speed. Friends for Life is an initiative of Manitoba Public Insurance, in partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association and Teens Against Destructive Decisions (TADD). The Friends for Life speaker series uses eye-opening, real life stories to educate high school students about the consequences of unsafe driving behaviours.

In 2017:

- Distracted driving was responsible for 41% of people killed and 42% of people seriously injured.
- Impaired driving killed 23 people.
- Speed was responsible for 18% of people killed.

Source: 2017 Traffic Collision
Statistics Report

