Sleepy drivers blamed for a third of fatal crashes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Drowsy drivers may cause an average of 13,000 deaths a year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday. New drivers are not safe, according to the agency's study, which showed that drowsy driving is a common problem.

The agency did not specify how many drivers were drowsy at the time of the crash. But it said that 15 percent of drivers fell asleep at the wheel while driving, and that drowsy driving is responsible for an estimated 20 percent of all crashes. The agency said that drowsiness can cause drivers to suddenly fall asleep, and that drowsiness can also cause drivers to fall asleep while driving.

The study also found that drowsy driving is more common among younger drivers, who are more likely to fall asleep while driving.

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