## PREDICTING AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SEVERITY IN SEATTLE

## Introduction

Automobile accidents are leading cause of death within the United States and beyond. Even non-fatal accidents take an enormous toll on our collective time, resources, and well-being. While it is true that there will likely be accidents as long as there are automobiles and drivers, many accidents are potentially able to be avoided altogether or have their severity lessoned by taking proactive measures. The purpose of this project is to identify factors that increase the likelihood and severity of automobile accidents. By being informed about such factors, the public will be in a better position to avoid automobile accidents and mitigate their severity.