SEAT BELTS LOOK GOOD ON YOU

Buckle Up. Every Seat, Every Ride.

The law.

Every driver and passenger in Maryland must wear a seat belt. Children under the age of eight must ride in a car seat or booster seat.*

More than 120 unbelted drivers and passengers are killed every year in Maryland. Seat belts could have saved roughly 45 percent of those people.

The fine.

$83 (including court costs)

Police can stop you for not wearing your seat belt. Each person who is not buckled up (driver and passenger) can receive a ticket for not wearing a seat belt.

If any passengers older than 16 are not wearing a seat belt, the driver can receive an $83 ticket for each offense.

Buckling a seat belt takes less than three seconds. **Make sure that you and everyone in your vehicle is buckled up in every seat, every time you go for a ride.** It saves you $83 and it might just save your life or the life of someone you care about.

be the driver who saves lives

What can you do?

- **Buckle up! Every seat, every time.**

- **Make sure your passengers are buckled.** Unbelted passengers become projectiles in a crash, often causing devastating injuries to others in the car or truck.

- **Wear your seat belt at night.** Nearly half of all unbelted fatal and serious injuries occur between 8 PM and 4 AM.

- **Even at low speeds a seat belt is your best protection.** At 25 miles per hour, getting in a crash with no seat belt is equivalent to a three-story fall.

- **Think that truck will save you? Think again.** Pickups and SUVs are more prone to rollovers. Seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to the driver and front seat passenger by 60 percent.

*For specific questions on child safety seats and your vehicle, please contact Kids in Safety Seats at **1.800.370.SEAT** or visit the website at **www.mdkiss.org**

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