

Protect



Yourself

If you're not wearing your safety belt — *What's holding you back?*



There is simply no disputing that safety belts save lives and reduce injuries. That's why, in an effort to save lives and reduce injuries, Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers are taking a zero tolerance safety belt enforcement stance as part of the statewide *What's Holding You Back?* campaign. Any driver who is stopped by the Patrol during an enforcement contact and is not wearing a safety belt will be given a citation.

Not enough people buckling up

A statewide safety belt usage survey revealed that less than 67 percent of Ohio motorists are buckling up. This pales in comparison to many states that have safety belt usage rates of 80 percent or higher.

In Ohio, of the more than 122,000 people involved in motor vehicle crashes last year.

1,284 lost their lives.

Two-thirds of those killed were not wearing their safety belts.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, wearing your safety belt doubles your chances of surviving a crash without serious injury. Children who are in proper car safety seats survive 90 percent of crashes.

Safety belt use affects everyone

Society as a whole is affected by safety belt usage. Insurance and health care costs are significantly higher for crash victims who choose not to wear a safety belt. Health care providers spend valuable time and resources caring for patients who could have easily prevented or reduced their injuries with a click of their safety belt.

National statistics indicate African American children are twice as likely as Caucasian children to be killed as a result of not wearing car safety restraints. Hispanic children are also statistically more likely to be killed or seriously injured than Caucasian children as a result of not being properly restrained.

Safety belts save lives

Buckle Up! Safety belts can save the life of someone you know, or maybe even you. Our most precious resource, life, is at stake.

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