



Everybody, Every Seat, Every Time... A Call to Action!

While a majority of Minnesotans wear seat belts, those that don't – around 13 percent, or 700,000 people – account for 200 deaths and around 430 serious, life-altering injuries each year. These motorists have not responded to educational efforts and voluntary compliance. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of paraplegia, quadriplegia and traumatic brain injury for people of all ages. They are the leading cause of death from age one to 44. Minnesotans shouldn't accept this tragic waste of lives and potential.

There's a simple, straightforward solution—that is to increase seat belt use. Seat belt use reduces the risk of death and serious injury by 40%-60%. Upgrading Minnesota's seat belt use law to universal standard (primary) enforcement is the most efficient and effective way to get more Minnesotans buckled up. That means that everybody in a vehicle would be required to wear a seat belt and that law enforcement officers would be allowed to stop unbelted motorists and issue a citation for not buckling up. Just enacting a universal standard seat belt enforcement law will increase seat belt use by at least 10%—saving 40 lives, preventing nearly 400 serious injuries AND saving our state over \$120 million in fatality and injury costs! But it won't happen without your help.

Join the Minnesota Seat Belt Coalition and help us save lives, prevent injuries and stop economic waste by supporting an upgrade in our current seat belt law to universal standard enforcement. Just complete and fax or e-mail this form to the Minnesota Seat Belt Coalition in care of the Minnesota Safety Council. Fax: 651-291-7584; E-mail: msc@minnesotasafetycouncil.org

Your action will make the difference!

I am joining as an Individual For my organization

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The Minnesota Seat Belt Coalition is a volunteer organization working to reduce deaths and injuries on our roadways by increasing seat belt use through education and legislation.

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