

Click It or Ticket

State and local law enforcement will team up with highway safety officials to kick off the summer season with "Click It or Ticket" – a nation-wide, seat belt enforcement mobilization aimed at reducing highway deaths. The campaign will run May 19–June 1 with an emphasis on getting everyone to buckle up day and night.



In the United States during 2005, safety belts saved the lives of an estimated 15,632 people over 4 years of age, and child-restraint use saved the lives of 420 children ages 4 years and younger (NHTSA 2006). Drivers and passengers can cut their risk of dying in a crash by half simply by buckling up.

Quick Facts

- Motor vehicle-related injuries kill more children and young adults in the age group 1 to 34 than any other single cause in the United States (CDC 2006).
- In 2005, 31,415 occupants of passenger cars and light trucks died in motor vehicle crashes in the United States. This includes 1,617 children ages 15 years and younger and 4,899 people ages 16 to 20 years (NHTSA 2006).
- More than half the people killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2005 were not wearing safety belts (NHTSA 2006).
- Child safety seats reduce the risk of death in passenger cars by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers ages 1 to 4 (NHTSA 2006).
- For children ages 4 to 7, booster seats reduce injury risk by 59% compared to safety belts alone (Durbin 2003).

Recommendations

CDC and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services reviewed various methods designed to increase safety belt and child restraint use. They provided recommendations on each of the methods based on how effective it was.

Official [Click It or Ticket Website](#) Link

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