



**Buckle
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BEAT THE ODDS!

BUCKLE UP AND BEAT THE ODDS!

- ☐ Approximately 75 percent of fatal crashes occur within 25 miles of home.
- ☐ On average, more than half of all Ohioans who die on our roadways in motor vehicle crashes are not buckled up.
- ☐ Statistics show that 41 percent of passenger vehicle occupants and 45 percent of light truck occupants who are involved in fatal crashes are unrestrained.
- ☐ It is estimated that safety belts save over 15,000 lives annually.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ☐ Nationally, the leading cause of death among Americans 1-34 years old is motor vehicle crashes.
- ☐ Airbags do not protect you from rear or side collisions, rollovers or fender-benders. Only safety belts do.
- ☐ Approximately 75 percent of vehicle occupants who are totally ejected in a vehicle crash die.
- ☐ In Ohio, children under 40 pounds or under four years old must travel in approved car safety seats. Call 1-866-CAR-SEAT for details.

THINK ABOUT THIS . . .

- ☐ Jumping off a three-story building is similar to the force of a crash at 30 m.p.h.
- ☐ Dropping a 150-pound weight from seven feet above onto your head and upper body is what a crash will feel like at 10 m.p.h.
- ☐ Is your life worth three seconds of your time? Use those seconds to secure your life with your safety belt.
- ☐ Driving as slowly as 12 m.p.h. can cause a fatality to a non-buckled occupant.
- ☐ Ohio's overall 2007 safety belt usage rate is 81.6 percent.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE ODDS. BUCKLE UP!

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Although we think it will never happen to us, traffic crashes are a leading killer andcrippler of both adults and children. We can't always prevent our involvement in a crash, but what happens to us during a crash is often within our control—if we buckle our safety belts.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Ohio
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