

OCCUPANT PROTECTION AWARD OVERVIEW

Encourage Safety Belt Use

The Occupant Protection Award is presented to organizations that encourage safety belt use among employees and achieve usage rates of 95% or higher. The benefits gained are numerous. The company will help save lives, act as a role model for other companies and be recognized for its efforts. The company will be presented with an award for their success and the achievement will be documented as an example to all.

How to Qualify

To qualify for the award, you must conduct two *unannounced* safety belt observational surveys at least 30 days apart. The first survey will serve as a baseline. The second survey must show an improvement over the first survey as well as a usage rate of 95% or higher. Although it is not necessary to survey all employees, it is important that you observe a large enough sample to substantiate a valid safety belt use rate.

If your company has already received an award in previous years, you must raise your new usage rate over the previous year's rate. Optimally, you will strive for a 100% safety belt usage rate.

Upon submitting the results, you must include both survey observation forms. The enclosed Data Collection Form may be used, or you may create your own form. If you are using your own forms, they must include: number and location of sites, number observed at each site, time of day, and dates conducted. The same method for collecting the data should be used for each survey and at each observational site.

Matters to consider:

At what time and at which location(s) should the surveys take place? Be sure to choose a location where observers can easily see drivers in order to ensure a more accurate observation. Observations should also last about 45 minutes.

How many people should help with the collecting data for the survey? Ideally, there should be one to observe and one to record the belt use on the data collection form.

Is the survey team able to clearly and safely observe the driver of the vehicle? Only the driver of the vehicle should be observed for belt use.

Where is the best place to hold the observation? Near a traffic light, stop sign, or entrance/exit gate. This will ensure a safer and more accurate observation.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION AWARD APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Enter the results of two unannounced observational surveys that were conducted at least 30 days apart. The final usage rate must show an improvement over the first survey as well as a usage rate of **95%** or higher to qualify for the award. All applications **must be returned by July 1, 2012**. You may fax, email or mail your application.

	Survey #1	Survey #2
A. Dates of survey	_____	_____
B. Number of belted drivers observed	_____	_____
C. Divide by number of drivers in survey	_____	_____
D. Percent usage rate (B ÷ C x 100)	_____	_____

Example:

B. Number of Belted Drivers Observed	<u>23</u> _____	<u>24</u> _____
C. Divide by the total number of Drivers	<u>25</u> _____	<u>25</u> _____
D. Equals (24 ÷ 25 x 100)	<u>92%</u> _____	<u>96%</u> _____

Step 2: Attach all survey observation forms to this form. If you are using your own it must include: number and location of sites, number observed at each site, time of day, and dates conducted.

Step 3: Organization: _____

Name of Organization as you would like it to be inscribed on the award plaque:

Name of Official Receiving the Award: _____

Title of Official: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Comments: