

**OCCUPANT PROTECTION AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Enter the results of two unannounced observational surveys that were conducted at least 30 days apart. The usage rates from each must be at least 75 percent to qualify for the award.

	Survey #1	Survey #2
a. Dates of surveys.	_____	_____
b. Number of belted drivers observed.	_____	_____
c. Divide by the total number of drivers in the survey.	_____	_____
d. Equals: the percent usage rate (b / c x 100).	_____	_____

2. Attach a brief summary of the procedures used in collecting the data. Include the number and descriptions of the locations, time of day observed and number of observers and their procedures.

3. Organization: _____

Name of Official Receiving the Award: _____

Title of Official: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

**OCCUPANT PROTECTION AWARD
FOR 75% PLUS SAFETY BELT USAGE**

Encourage Safety Belt Use

The Occupant Protection Award is presented to organizations that encourage safety belt use among employees and achieve usage rates of 75% 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 the accomplishment 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 enclosed Data Collection Form may be used, or you may create your own form.) Each survey must show a sustained level of at least 75 percent *driver* safety belt use. Although it isn't necessary for all employees to be surveyed, it is important that you observe a large enough sample to substantiate a valid safety belt use rate.

Upon submitting the results, you must include a brief description of the survey method used: 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.

The following is a checklist of items 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.

Have I selected a two-person survey team to collect the data?

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.

Is the observation site near a traffic light, stop sign, or entrance/exit gate?

This will ensure a safer and more accurate observation. Observers should not stop vehicles entering or leaving the observation point to check for belt use.

Continued Achievements

Once you are recognized for achieving a usage rate of 75%, you may continue to increase your usage rate and be rewarded accordingly. To receive a second and/or third award you will need to raise your new usage rate over your previous usage rate. Optimally, you will strive for a 100% safety belt usage rate and will save many lives as a result. Finally, an annual award will be presented to the organization achieving the highest usage rate. For this outstanding accomplishment, the organization will be recognized at the annual Utah Safety Council Award Luncheon.

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE FORM

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

(Should be near a traffic light, stop sign, guard gate, or entrance/exit gate where observers can see clearly and safely. Two-person teams are best.)

NUMBER OF OBSERVERS: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BELTED DRIVERS: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE USED:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: