

Safety Fact Sheet



These programs offered by the Utah Safety Council offer practical strategies to reduce collision related injuries and fatalities on Utah roadways.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SEAT BELTS

Approximately 17% of Utahns still aren't buckling up, even when it's the single most important thing you can do to prevent serious injury or death in a crash. Here are some facts about seat belts to stress their significance and encourage buckling up.

- Seat belts save over 100 Utahns each year.
- They reduce motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries by 50 percent.
- Air bags do not replace seat belts; they work with them.
- You are four times more likely to die if thrown out of your vehicle in a crash.
- 75 percent of all crashes occur within 25 miles of a person's home.
- 80 percent of deaths and injuries occur in vehicles traveling 40 mph or less.

Seat belts save lives! Always buckle up, no matter how short the trip, slow the speed, or any other excuse.