



# SEAT BELTS AND AIR BAGS SAVE LIVES

## For Adults

- Buckle Up- Always wear both the lap and shoulder belt tightly.
- Safety belts help keep you away from deploying air bags.
- Show your children that you buckle up. Children will buckle up, if you do.
- Sit back- Keep as much distance between yourself and the steering wheel, with or without an air bag, as is practical to operate the vehicle.
- ALL front seat passengers must be buckled.

## For Children (over 8 years of age)



- Kids in Back - Whenever possible children should ride in the back seat buckled up.
- Wear BOTH lap and shoulder belts, especially if a child must sit in front.
- If the shoulder belt does not fit correctly, the child should remain in a booster seat, until the child is tall enough.
- Many people allow children to slip the shoulder belt behind their back. This is a dangerous habit, especially in vehicles with air bags!!
- If a child must sit in the front, move the seat back as far as possible, particularly in vehicles with passenger side air bags.

## For Children in Car Seats

- All car seats need a TIGHT FIT. Install it according to both the child safety seat manual and the vehicle's owner manual.
- Rear facing infant seats- For infants from birth to 1 year old, AND who weigh up to 20 pounds. These should never used in the front seats where a passenger side air bag is present.
- Forward facing seats - For children between 20-40 pounds and over 1 year of age. (some newer models allow for a child up to 60 pounds)
- Booster seats - If a child has outgrown safety seats, he/she should be properly restrained in a booster seat until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4'9" tall or can sit with his back his/her back against the vehicle seatback with knees bent, without slouching.



Use them properly



## ***BUCKLE UP, IT'S THE LAW***

### CONNECTICUT SAFETY BELT LAW - C.G.S 14-100a (c)(1)

- All drivers and front seat passengers who are not covered by the child restraint law must wear safety belts. Children between the age of 4 and 16 years of age must also use safety belts in the back seat. The

driver is responsible for any passengers under the age of 16 years.

**FINE: \$37.00**

### CONNECTICUT CHILD RESTRAINT LAW - C.G.S. 14-100a (d)

- Any person who transports a child under the age of 4, weighing *less* than 40 pounds must provide and require the child to use a child restraint system that meets the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Any person who transports a child under the age of 4, weighing *more* than 40 pounds, must require the child to use a safety belt, or an approved child restraint system.

### **FINES:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - **\$60.00** and mandatory attendance at a **child car safety course**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - Up to **\$199.00** and mandatory attendance at a **child car safety course** (possible **2 month suspension** if any person fails to attend course)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - **Class A misdemeanor**



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