

Do You Wear Your Safety Belt?

Safety is just a "click" away...



Buckle up every time you're in the driver's or passenger's seat.



Make sure pregnant women are buckled up. Safety belts provide the best protection for expectant mothers and their unborn children.



As children grow, the way they sit in a car, truck, or SUV will change. Protect children from injury or death by making sure that they are correctly secured in the appropriate child safety seat for their size and age.

Remember: All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.



- In 2003, motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for all African-Americans from age 4 through age 13.

- Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for African-Americans males from age 5 through age 13. Motor vehicle crashes were also the leading cause of death for African-American females from age 3 through age 5; age 7; ages 9 through 12; age 16 through age 20; and age 25.

- Almost one out of four blacks still do not buckle up on every trip.

- The African-American population is expected to increase by 13 percent by 2010, which will significantly increase its exposure to traffic crashes.



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By working together to increase safety belt use, we can save lives and prevent injuries in the African-American community! Log onto NHTSA's Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov to learn more. Or you can call the DOT Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.