



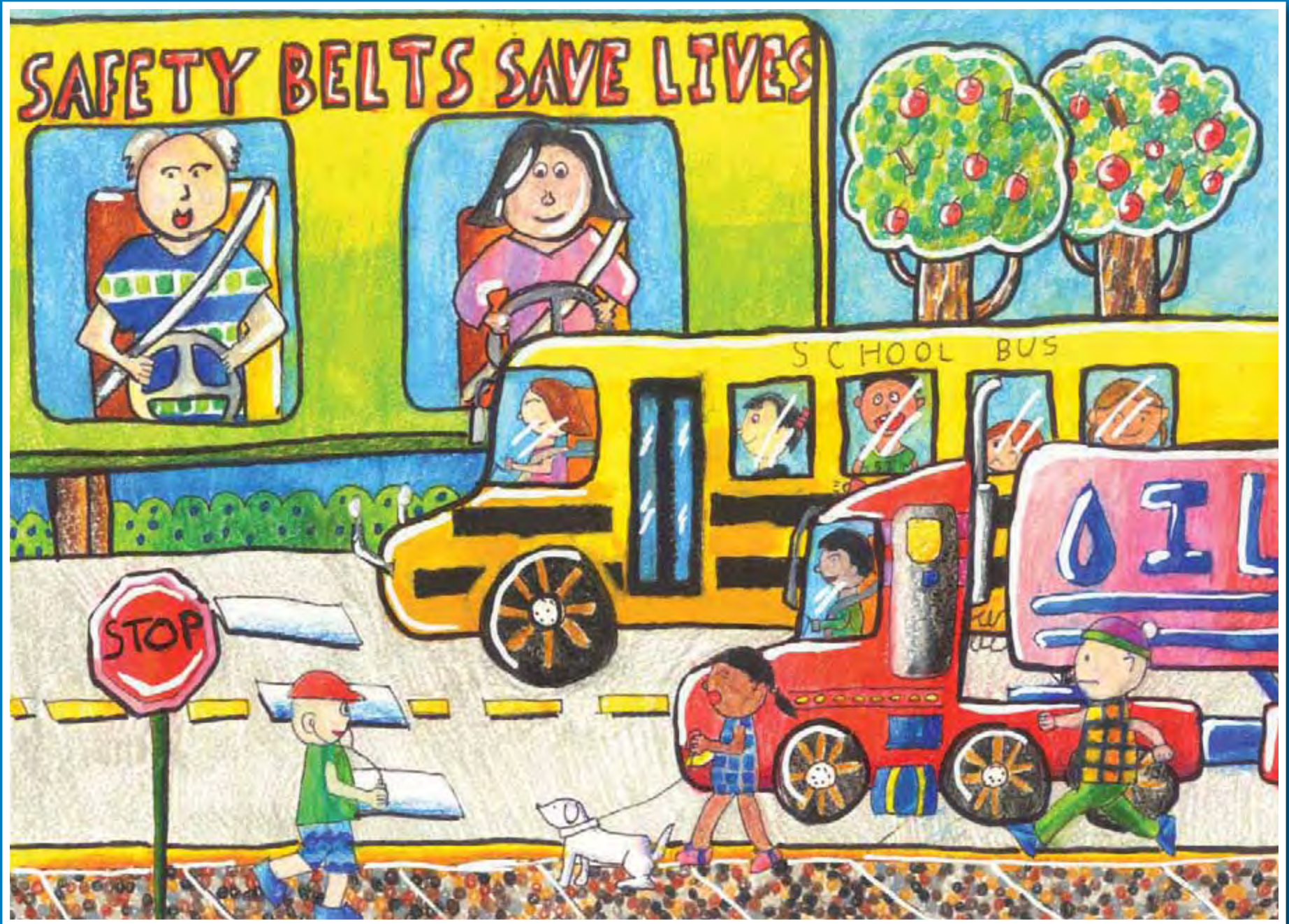
2013

Commercial Motor Vehicle



Kids' Safety Belt Art Contest Planner





Richard He • Age 10 • Parsippany, NJ • Category B • Grades 3-6  
Grand Prize Winner



# JANUARY 2013

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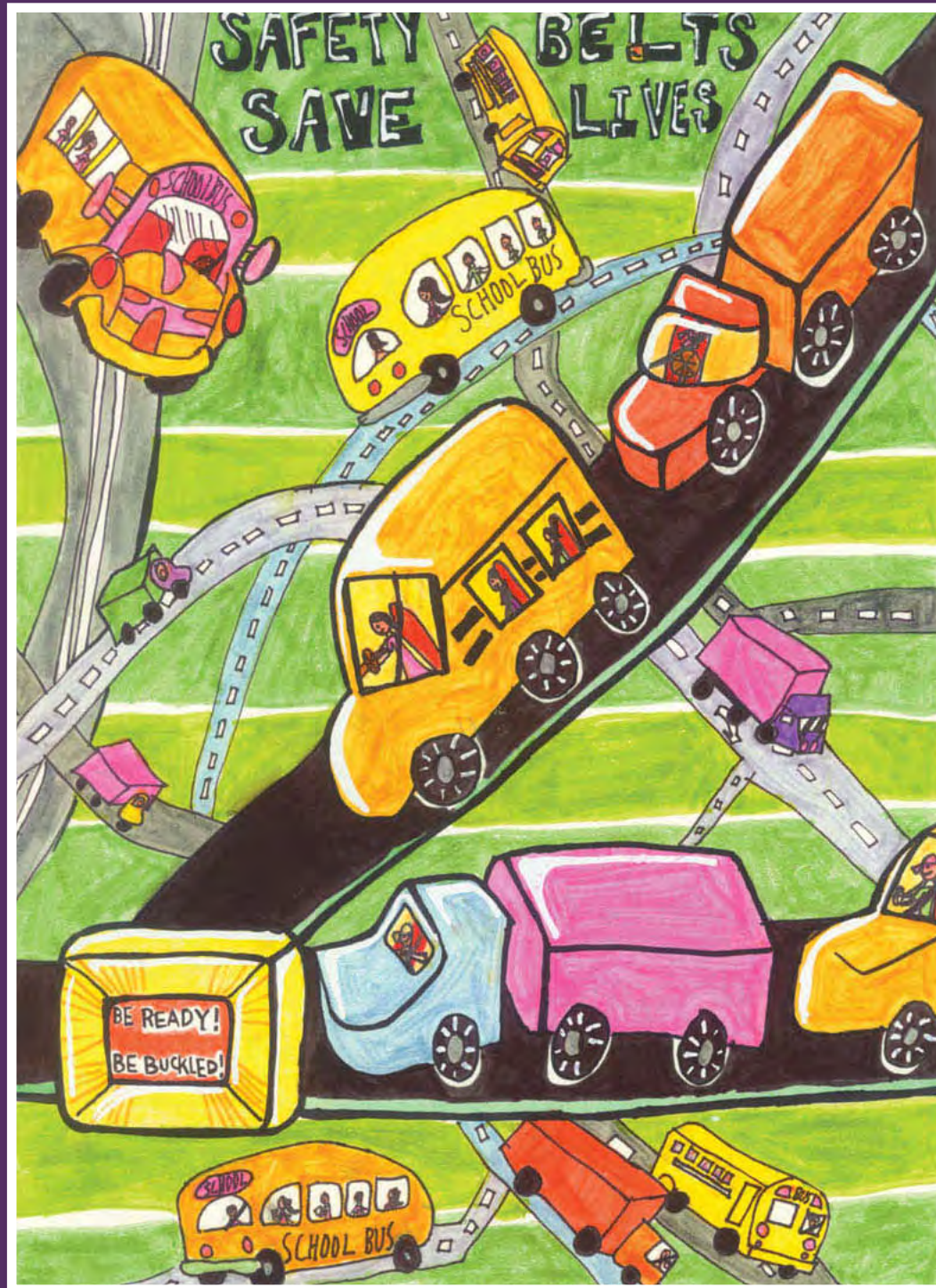
## MYTH:

A large truck will protect you. Safety belts are unnecessary.

## FACT:

In 2010, of the drivers who were killed and ejected from their vehicles, 74.7 percent were not wearing safety belts.

*Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts 2010. FMCSA. Retrieved from [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/facts-research/research-technology/report/LTCC\\_Report\\_LargeTruckandBusCrashFacts2010.pdf](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/facts-research/research-technology/report/LTCC_Report_LargeTruckandBusCrashFacts2010.pdf)*



Sophia Chen • Age 7  
Edison, NJ  
Category A  
Grades K-2  
Grand Prize Winner



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## FACT:

Safety belt usage among CMV drivers has increased 65 percent since 2003.

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ARRIVE HOME SAFELY!



BE READY. BE BUCKLED.



# MARCH 2013

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## FACT:

In a rollover, a truck driver is 80 percent less likely to die when wearing a safety belt.

*Frequently Asked Questions - Safety Belt. FMCSA. Retrieved from [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/safety-belt/safetybelt\\_faqs.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/safety-belt/safetybelt_faqs.htm)*



Benjamin Pugh • Age 7 • St. Joseph, MO



# APRIL 2013

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## MYTH:

It's better to be thrown clear of the wreckage in the event of a crash.

## FACT:

An occupant of a vehicle is four times as likely to be fatally injured when thrown from the vehicle.

*Safety Myths and Facts: 9 Myths About Safety Belts for Truck Drivers, FMCSA-E-005 5/09*



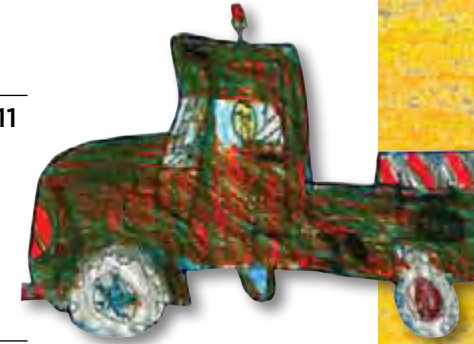


Theo Cooper • Age 8 • Clermont, FL



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## FACT:

Medical costs resulting from traffic crashes are twice as costly for occupants who are not belted.

Virginia DMV - Seat Belts.  
Retrieved from [www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/safety/programs/seatbelts/index.asp](http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/safety/programs/seatbelts/index.asp)





Brett Burch • Age 7  
Washington D.C.

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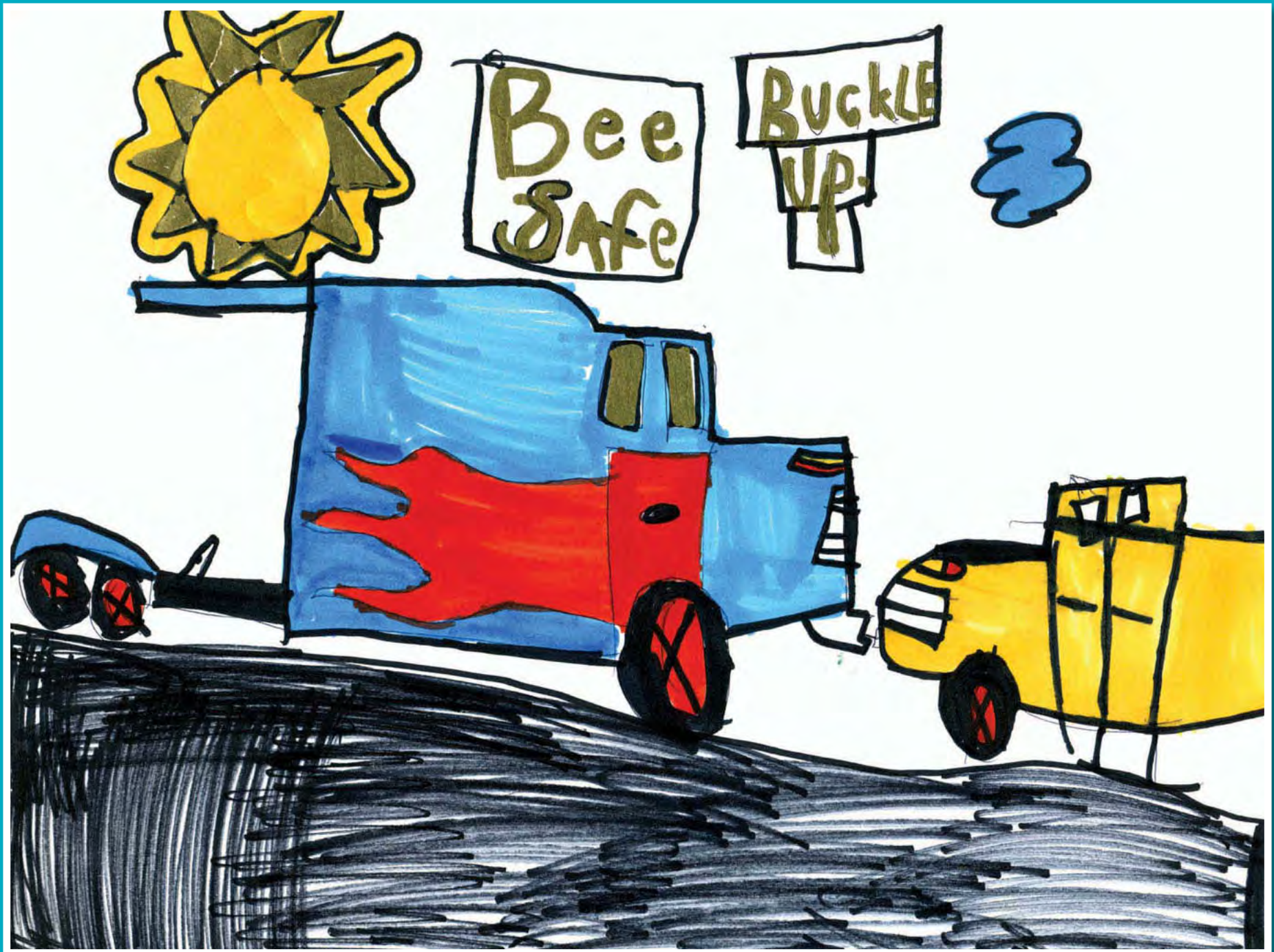


**FACT:**

Vehicle crashes are the most common work-related fatality.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
Retrieved from [www.bls.gov/news.release/cfoi.t01.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cfoi.t01.htm)*





Brady Pugh • Age 6 • St. Joseph, MO

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**MYTH:**  
Good truck and bus drivers don't need to wear safety belts.

**FACT:**  
Good drivers usually don't cause collisions, but it's possible that during your career you will be involved in a crash caused by a bad driver, bad weather, mechanical failure, or tire blowout. Wearing a safety belt prevents injuries and fatalities by preventing ejection, and by protecting your head and spinal cord.

*Safety Myths and Facts:  
9 Myths About Safety Belts for  
Truck Drivers, FMCSA-E-005 5/09*





Helen Yang • Age 10 • Livingston, NJ



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## FACT:

Safety belts prevent drivers and passengers from being ejected during a crash. People not wearing a seat belt are 30 times more likely to be ejected from a vehicle during a crash. More than 3 out of 4 people who are ejected during a crash die from their injuries.

CDC: Safety Belt Policy Impact Brief. Retrieved from [www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/seatbeltbrief/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/seatbeltbrief/index.html)





Rosana Marie Gest • Age 10 • Dix Hills, NY



# SEPTEMBER 2013

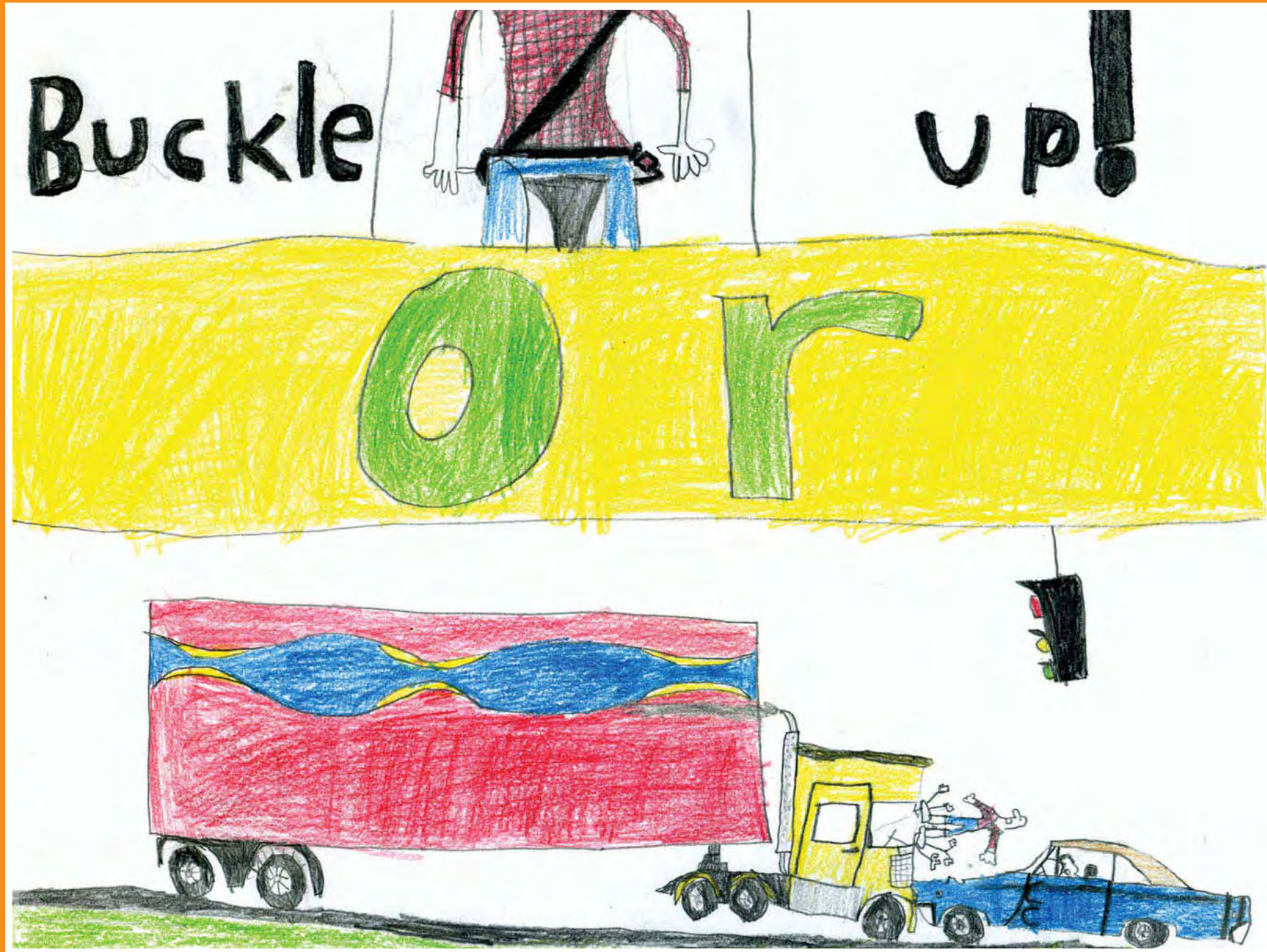
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## FACT:

Safety belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about 50 percent.

*NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts, Occupant Protection, 2009. Retrieved from [www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811160.pdf](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811160.pdf)*



Johnathan Cooper • Age 10 • Clermont, FL



# OCTOBER 2013

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## MYTH:

A lap belt offers sufficient protection.

## FACT:

The lap and shoulder belt design has been proven to hold a driver securely behind the wheel in the event of a crash, greatly increasing the driver's ability to maintain control of the vehicle and minimizing the chance for serious injury or death.

*Safety Myths and Facts:  
9 Myths About Safety Belts for  
Truck Drivers, FMCSA-E-005 5/09*



Reilly Taylor • Age 7 • Independence, MO



# NOVEMBER 2013

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## FACT:

Safety belts are effective in preventing total ejections; only 1 percent of the occupants reported to have been using restraints were totally ejected, compared with 32 percent of the unrestrained occupants.

*TRAFFIC SAFETY FACTS - 2010  
Data Occupant Protection May  
2012 (DOT HS 811 619. Retrieved  
from [www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/  
Pubs/811619.pdf](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811619.pdf)*





Bree Zhang • Age 11 • Clinton, NJ



# DECEMBER 2013

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## FACT:

Safety belts have saved over 69,000 lives during the 5-year period from 2006 to 2010.

*Traffic Safety Facts (DOT HS 811 580). Retrieved from [www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811580.pdf](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811580.pdf)*







## Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Belt Partnership

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)  
American Bus Association (ABA)  
American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)  
American Trucking Associations (ATA)  
Associated General Contractors (AGC)  
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)  
Commercial Vehicle Training Association (CVTA)  
DRIVE SMART Virginia  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)  
First Student, Inc.  
Great West Casualty Company  
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)  
International Registration Plan, Inc. (IRP)  
Krueger Ergonomics Consultants  
Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE )  
National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)  
National Association of Public Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS)  
National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
National Private Truck Council (NPTC)  
National Safety Council (NSC)  
National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc. (NTTC)  
National Association of Truckstop Operators (NATSO)  
Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS)  
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA)  
Professional Truck Driver Institute, Inc.  
Property Casualty Insurers Association of America  
REI Safety Services  
School Transportation Florida Department of Education  
Truck & Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA)  
Truckload Carriers Association  
United Motorcoach Association (UMA)



The CMV Safety Belt Partnership is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), other government agencies, and industry specific private-sector organizations to encourage commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers to wear safety belts. Saving lives is FMCSA's main safety goal. The Partnership helps support this strategic objective.

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