

# We're seat belt serious.



Opinion polls indicate that 72% - 86% of the public supports enforcement activities such as roadside checkpoints. These activities help reduce impaired driving and increase seat belt usage.

We hope this citation will encourage you to drive responsibly.

While education is important, it alone is not enough to assure that all drivers and their passengers are secured properly by lap/shoulder belts or the proper federally-approved safety seat for children. Strong enforcement of safety belt laws enhances transportation safety for all motorists traveling Kansas roadways.

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# Safe. Not Sorry.

*Getting a ticket is a nuisance. But if that's what it takes to get you to wear your seat belt or to make sure you have your child properly secured in a federally-approved child safety seat or lap/shoulder belts on every trip, then we think it's worth it.*

*We care about you and want you to be safe. That's why, we are committed to enforcing our occupant protection laws in the State of Kansas.*

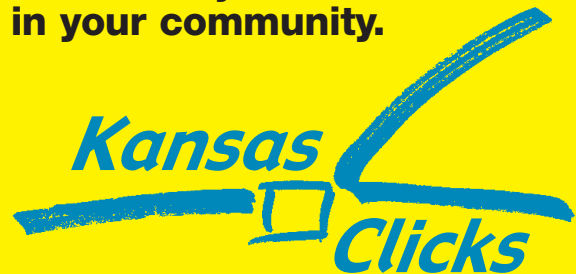
## It's the law.

- Kansas law requires all children under age 14 be properly restrained in any seating position in a vehicle.
- All children under 4 years of age must be secured in an approved child safety seat.
- All vehicle drivers and front seat passengers must be properly restrained with a safety belt.

*Drivers, passengers, everyone—  
always “click” your seat belt.*

## Seat belt safety is an idea that should “click” automatically!

- Someone dies in a car crash every 14 minutes in the United States.
- Someone is injured in a car crash every 11 seconds in the U.S.
- Lap/shoulder belts, when used properly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passenger car occupants by 45%. Moderate to critical injuries are reduced by 50%.
- In light trucks, these risks are reduced even more—60% for fatal injuries and 65% for moderate injuries.
- Child safety seats, when used correctly, are 71% effective in preventing fatalities, 67% effective in reducing the need for hospitalization, and 50% effective in preventing injuries.
- Traffic crashes across the nation cost society more than \$74,000,000,000 a year.
- **Active traffic enforcement reduces injuries and fatalities in your community.**



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