**Why you should always wear a seatbelt!**

Most people have grown up continuously hearing that you should always wear your seat belt. A lot of times many of us brush it off, we have the mindset that it is just a quick drive or that as a good driver nothing will happen us. But, having that mindset puts you at a high risk. It is important to realize that something can happen to you in your car in an instant, and without your seatbelt on, and even when you are driving slow, you can be seriously injured. Accidents are just that, *accidents.* They are unexpected and unintentional, this is why we have safety features like seatbelts that prepare us and keep us safer in the case of said accidents. Let’s talk about a few of the most important reasons that you and your friends and family should always wear your seatbelt.

**Reason #1 The job of the seatbelt**

The seatbelt’s job is to keep you in place. When riding in a vehicle, if you are not wearing a seat belt when the car is impacted in an accident, it is highly likely that due to Isaac Newton’s first law of motion, you will be projected from your seat. In the circumstance of projection from the car, it is likely you could be thrown out one of the car windows, which will lead to severe injuries, if not death. The seatbelt is also designed to work *with* the airbag. The two of these safety features together highly increase your chances of survival in a car accident. Not wearing your seatbelt when the airbags go off can itself result in bad injuries.

**Reason #2 The facts**

Passengers that are in the rear seat of a vehicle who are wearing seatbelts that cover their lap and shoulder are [44%](https://www.virtualdriveoftexas.com/seat-belt/) more likely to survive in a car accident. For those rear seat passengers in SUV’s and vans, they are [73%](https://www.virtualdriveoftexas.com/seat-belt/) more likely to survive.

**Reason #3 The consequences**

Car crash related deaths in Texas are shockingly high. According to the AAA Exchange, nearly [33,000](https://www.aceable.com/safe-driving-videos/seat-belt/) people are killed in car accidents every year. This number is high, and it is quite scary to think about. But, if you wear your seatbelt all the time when in a vehicle, your chances of staying alive in a car crash are highly increased. The chances of surviving a bad accident and being projected from a vehicle increase by [45%](https://www.virtualdriveoftexas.com/seat-belt/) when wearing your seatbelt, while in pickup trucks, the number is [60%.](https://www.virtualdriveoftexas.com/seat-belt/)

**Reason #4 Your insurance**

If you are in an accident and not wearing a seatbelt, many insurance companies can and will refuse to cover your expenses. And even if you are not at fault in an accident, you can face a lot of trouble if the insurance company can somehow prove you were not wearing a seatbelt.

**Reason #5 The law**

Car safety in McKinney is no joke. And many states require drivers and passengers to wear a seatbelt at all times, and a police officer can pull you over if he suspects that you are not wearing one. You can even get a fine for it if you are pulled over for something else and that police officer sees you were not wearing your seatbelt.

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