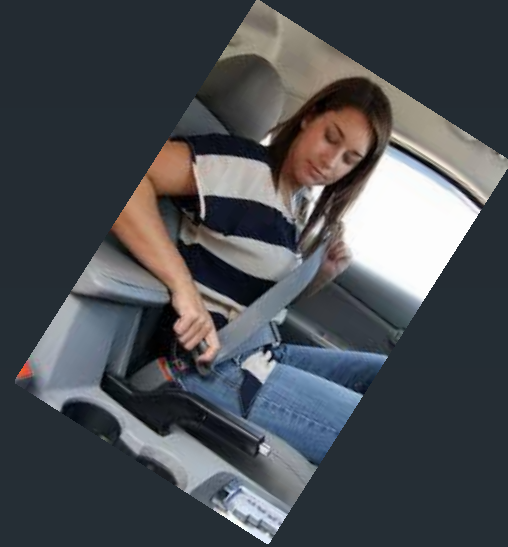




Seat belt safety

By the JRSOs

Facts



- In a crash you're twice as likely to die if you don't wear a seat belt.
- Drivers and passengers aged 17-34 are most likely to not wear a seat belt.
- people are less likely to use seat belts on short or familiar journeys - this puts them at serious risk of injury in a crash.
- Drivers and passengers who fail to wear seat belts in the front and back of vehicles are breaking the law
- Drivers caught without a seat belt face on-the-spot fines of £100 but the maximum fine is £500.
- Wear your seat belt correctly so it can offer you the best possible protection in a crash.



Seat belt laws

- You must wear a seat belt if one is fitted in the seat you're using - there are only a few exceptions.
- You're also only allowed 1 person in each seat fitted with a seat belt
- You must make sure that any children in the car you're driving are:
 - in the correct car seat for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first.

Seat-belts: the facts

Wearing a seat-belt reduces the risk of a fatal injury by:

Up to
50%

for front seat
occupants



Up to
75%

for rear seat
occupants

Seat-belt laws should cover both
front and rear seat occupants



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countries have comprehensive
seat-belt laws covering all car
occupants.



This covers

4.8 billion

people... or



69% of the world's population


To effectively increase
seat-belt wearing rates,
legislation must be supported
with strong and sustained
police enforcement:

Only a **quarter** of all
countries report **good**
enforcement of their
seat-belt laws.



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- Remember –
always wear your
seat belt!



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