

You're more likely to die in a vehicle crash than any other way.

It's true. Vehicle crashes kill more people between the ages of one and thirty-four than anything else. However, during 2001, safety belts saved almost 12,500 lives. And 3 out of 4 motor vehicle crashes occur within 25 miles of home.

Why risk it? Your best protection against death and injury in your vehicle is your safety belt. It's easy. Just reach over—click and you're set. Think about it.

And while you're thinking...

BUCKLE UP!



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impression without your safety belt!



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so what's your excuse?

Safety Belts are too uncomfortable.

Maybe. Of course, in a car crash without your safety belt you would smash into the steering column, slam into the dashboard or smack into the windshield. We've heard this, too, can be very uncomfortable.

Safety Belts wrinkle my clothes.

Sometimes. But sitting also wrinkles clothes. Wearing clothes wrinkles clothes. Flying through a windshield, however, *really* wrinkles clothes.

Safety Belts restrict my freedom of movement.

You're right. Without your safety belt you have all the freedom in the world . . . to crash into your windshield, to slam into your car's interior or to be thrown from your car and slide along the pavement. In Georgia, two-thirds of all fatal injuries involved unrestrained occupants.

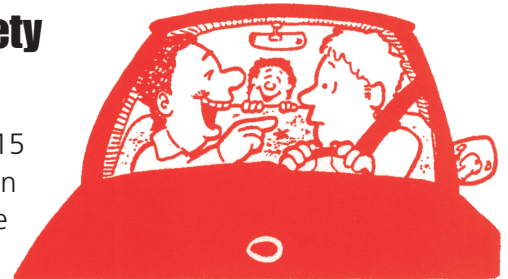


I'm a good driver.

That's nice. Unfortunately, good drivers can be hit by bad drivers, drunk drivers or other good drivers with mechanical failures. Few people intend to have crashes.

I'd be too embarrassed to ask my friends to use their safety belts.

In 2001, 1,615 people died in motor vehicle crashes in Georgia; 344 were under the age of 21. That same year not one person died from embarrassment.



Air Bag Safety: Buckle Everyone! Children in Back!

Safety Points



- Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat.
- Infants should ride in rear facing child safety seats until they are at least one year old AND weigh at least 20 pounds.
- Small children should be secured in child restraint systems approved for their age, weight, and height, installed according to manufacturer's instructions. If 100% of motor vehicle occupants under 5 years old were protected by child restraint systems, an estimated 458 lives could have been saved in 2000.