



Safety Tip of the Week

Motor Vehicle Safety

Every Belt - Every Ride

In 2004, a campaign called “Every Belt – Every Ride” was launched by OSHA in conjunction with the DOT’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (the NHTSA). The main object of the campaign was to encourage federal workers to wear seatbelts every time they ride in a vehicle on public business.

The NHTSA estimates that speed-related vehicle crashes cost the U.S. over 40 billion dollars annually. This includes medical and compensation costs linked to motor vehicle injuries and deaths.



Fatalities by Industry

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued a National Census of Fatal Occupation Injuries in 2023. According to the data found, transportation incidents accounted for 37% of all occupational fatalities in 2023. Broken down by industry, transportation and warehousing accounted for over 650 incidents of vehicle-related fatal work injuries that year, while construction was around 250, and waste management was around 150 deaths.

Seat Belts Save Lives

Studies show that seat belts make a tremendous difference in the fatality statistics during vehicle crashes. They help prevent severe injuries and death. Using seat belts cuts the risk of death by 45% for car riders and by 60% for those riding in trucks or SUVs. Seatbelts save 14,000 lives each year and are mandated by law in every state. However, 20% of passengers still do not buckle up.

IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT...USE YOUR SEAT BELT!