**Wearing seat belts**
is the most effective way to reduce health and serious injuries in traffic crashes.

75% of all crashes occur within 25 miles of home and on roads with a maximum speed of 40 mph or less.

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**Need Help with Your Car Seat?**

There are over 20 Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations across Alabama that provide free help and information. To find a certified individual near you, visit www.adph.org/injuryprevention or call 1-800-504-9768 in Alabama.

Always read your vehicle’s manual and the safety seat’s instructions to install a car seat correctly.

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For more information, contact the Alabama Department of Public Health Injury Prevention Division
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Data Sources:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)

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**Buckle Up, Alabama...**
It saves lives!

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**Teen Driver Facts**

- One teen passenger doubles the risk of a fatal crash and two or more teen passengers makes the risk 5 times higher – as passengers increase, the risk also increases.
- In over half of the accidents that resulted in death – no adult was present.
- Accidents with 16 year old drivers:
  - More often involve driver error.
  - Have a higher rate of crashes where excessive speed is a factor.

**ALABAMA LAWS**

Alabama seat belt law states that each front-seat occupant of a “passenger car” shall have a safety belt properly fastened about his/her body any time the vehicle is in motion.

"The fine for a citation is $25.00 for adults and children. Remember, if you don't click it, you will get a ticket!"

**Graduated Driver’s License**

In 2002, Alabama passed the Graduated Driver's License law. The law outlines the 3-stages for obtaining an Alabama driver’s license. The three-stages are: learners permit (restrictions), intermediate license (restrictions), and full license.

Under the law, 16 year olds:
- Cannot have more than 4 occupants (3 non-parents/1 parent maximum) in the car unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Cannot drive between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., unless going to or from their workplace, a school or religious function and in case of medical emergency.

**Alabama Child Restraint Law**

Effective July 1, 2006: Every person transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state, shall provide for the protection of the child by properly using a child passenger restraint system. The size appropriate restraint system required for a child shall include all of the following:

1. **Birth to Age 1 or 20 pounds:**
   - Infant only seats and convertible seats used in the rear facing position.

2. **Age 1 or 20 pounds to age 5 or 40 pounds:**
   - Convertible seats in the forward position or forward facing seats.

3. **Age 5 or 40 pounds to age 6:**
   - Booster seats.

4. **Age 6 to Age 15:**
   - Seat belts.

Any person violating the provisions of this act may be fined $25.00.

**Why Wear a Seat Belt?**

- If you are a typical driver in Alabama, there is a 54.1% probability that you will be involved in an injury or fatal crash while driving an automobile in your lifetime.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons in Alabama age 1-34.
- Every 15 seconds, someone is injured in a traffic crash and every 13 minutes, someone is killed in an automobile crash.
- For adult drivers, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45%.
- Appropriate restraints, such as car seats and booster seats reduce the risk of death by 54% for toddlers and 71% for infants.

**4 STEPS FOR KIDS**

- **INFANT**
- **TODDLER**
- **BOOSTER**
- **SAFETY BELT**

Most kids age 4 to 8 need booster seats.