

WEARING YOUR SEATBELT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

QUICK FACTS

Why is it important to wear seatbelts?



Wearing seatbelts is compulsory, not a choice. Modern cars are fitted with seatbelts for all seats, including rear seats. They must be used.



20% of all fatalities on Australian roads involve no seat belt being worn.



When the driver is unbuckled, **76% of children** also ride unbuckled. When the driver is belted, **87% of children** also ride with a seat belt.

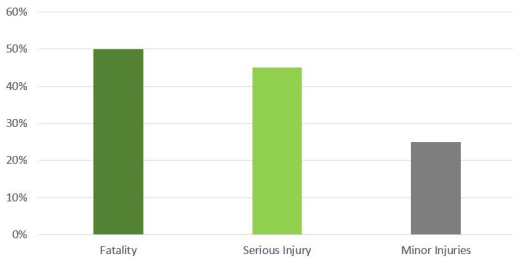


50% of people involved in fatal crashes where a seatbelt is not worn have been drinking.

Sources: <http://mylicencesa.gov.au/road-rules/the-drivers-handbook/seatbelts-restraints>, <https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/tac-campaigns/seatbelts>, <http://highwaysafety.utah.gov/seat-belts-and-car-seats/primary-seat-belt-law/>, http://www.carsq.qut.edu.au/publications/corporate/seat_belts_fs.pdf

Effectiveness of seatbelts to prevent injury

Effectiveness of Seatbelts for Drivers of Cars and Vans



Source: (data adapted from) <http://www.roadssafetyobservatory.com/HowEffective/vehicles/seat-belts>

Risk of serious injury

In a crash, unbuckled passengers can become a projectile and increase the risk of hurting or killing others in the car by **40%**



3 out of 4 people who are ejected during a fatal crash die from their injuries.



Source: <http://highwaysafety.utah.gov/seat-belts-and-car-seats/primary-seat-belt-law/>

How many people don't wear a seatbelt?



Source: www.bottarolaw.com

Most common reasons for not wearing a seatbelt



34% forget to put it on



22% only travelling a short distance



10% can't be bothered

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