

**WELCOME to**

**Oregon's Safety Belt  
Overtime Program**



**High-visibility traffic  
enforcement  
emphasizing use  
of motor vehicle  
occupant restraints**

# **ODOT Safety Belt Program**

- **Overtime Grants**
- **CPS Training & Child Seat Subsidy Programs**
- **Public Education Materials**
- **Statewide Media Campaign**
- **Legislation**

# Grant Requirements

- Attend ODOT training/workshop
- Conduct 3 enforcement blitzes
- Perform pre- & post blitz surveys
- Work with local media to publicize blitz activities prior to & after blitz
- Report survey results, enforcement contacts & press releases/articles

# NEW IN 2011

- Can use up to 35% grant for educational activities OT & CPS training fees/mileage
- Overtime workshops content standardized & required every 3 years for officers working grant

# Annual Grant Procedures

August Applications invited

September Grants awarded

October 1 Grant year begins

Monthly Claims & activity reports  
due by 5<sup>th</sup> (even if there was NO activity)

***\*\*Identify education activity & expenses***

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# # 1 Reason: Protect Life & Limb



# Overall Effectiveness Safety Belts

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people saving people

	<b>Fatality Reduction (%)</b>
Passenger cars, 3 point belts	<b>45</b>
Passenger cars, 2 point belts	<b>32</b>
Light Trucks, 3 point belts	<b>60</b>

Source: NHTSA Technical Report DOT HS 809 198, December 2000

# **ODDS of Surviving Ejection from a Motor Vehicle**

**1 in 4**

**(USDOT NHTSA, 2002 crash data)**

*Since 1990 adult belt law:*

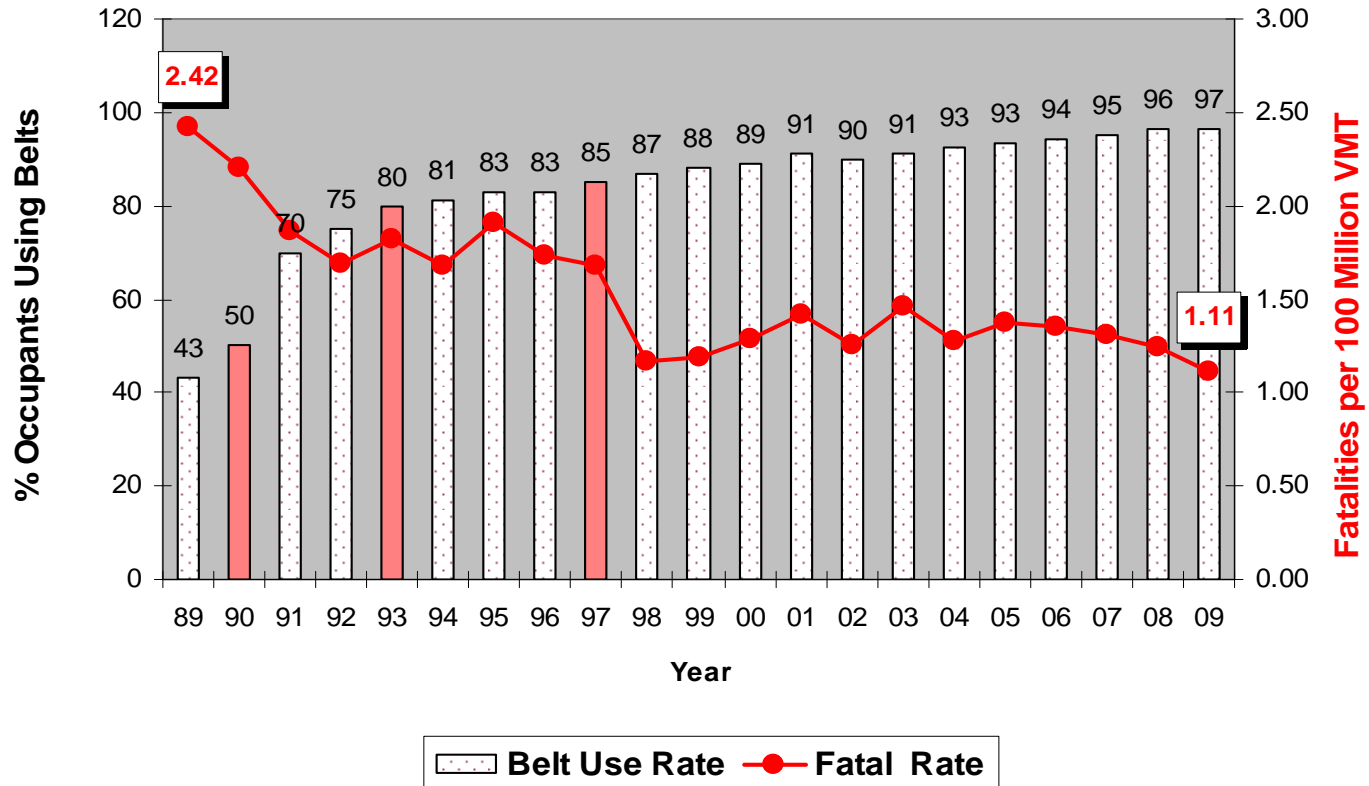
**Belt use doubled**

**Fatal rate ↓ 49%**

**Injury rate ↓ 44%**

# MV Occupant Belt Use vs Crash FATALITY Rates STATE OF OREGON 1989 - 2009

(adult belt law effective 12/4/90; Three Flags Campaign began 1993)



# Observed Use Rates (%)

<u>State</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
MI	98.0	?
HI	97.9	?
OR	96.6	97.0
	<u>91.0</u>	<u>94.0 P.U)</u>
WA	96.4	97.6
US	84.0	85.0
		74 P.U.



# Why continue enforcement?

- 45% of occupant fatalities unbelted in 2009
- 40% non-compliance w/ booster law
- 1 unbelted occupant can injure or kill others
- Where enforcement decreases, compliance decreases

# Who ARE the unbelted fatals?

Driver (74%)

Male (73%)

Standard pickup occupants (36%)

40 years of age (average)

Measurable BAC averaging 0.16 (51%)

Traveling 3 - 8 pm/midnight – 1am

# Why did they die?

73% were EJECTED:

totally – 76 occupants

or

partially – 8 occupants

# Why are they unbelted?

- ✓ Forgot
- ✓ Going a short distance
- ✓ Restraints broken/not available
- ✓ Don't know the law
- ✓ Don't know how to use restraints
- ✓ Belt is uncomfortable

-- from law enforcement reports

# OREGON LAW



- Primary
- “Proper use”
- All seating positions
- Maintenance of belt systems
- Infants RF to 1 yr AND 20 lbs
- Child seats to 40 lbs
- Boosters to 8 yrs OR 4’9” tall

# Misuse

- Belt under arm
- Belt behind back
- Use of automatic shoulder belt without fastening manual lap belt
- Two persons in one belt system
- Wrong type of restraint for child's size
- Must meet FMVSS (208, 213)

## SAFETY BELT COMFORT TIPS

### Belt uncomfortable? Try these tips:

**PROBLEM:**  
Belt crosses  
face or neck

**SOLUTION:** Use your car's  
built-in shoulder belt  
positioner. Or try moving  
the seat to change how  
your shoulder belt fits.



Example of built-in  
shoulder belt positioner

**Belt cuts  
into neck or  
shoulder**

Make sure your belt lies  
flat with no twists. If it is  
flat, try placing the shoulder  
belt under your collar or use  
a padded belt cover.

**Belt  
not long  
enough**

Make sure the lap belt rides low – under the  
belly. This is particularly important for pregnant  
women. Or ask your auto manufacturer for a  
safety belt "extender."

**Buckle Up. The Way to Go.**

Transportation Safety – ODOT

## MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.

Safety  
Belt  
Comfort  
Tips

If your safety belt doesn't fit comfortably, don't push it behind your back or arm – you could be seriously injured or ejected in a crash. You can also get a ticket. Oregon law requires all adults and kids to be properly buckled up. Try these simple solutions instead.

**Problem  
#1**

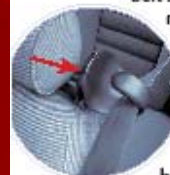
**Belt comes across face or neck.**

#### Solutions:

a) Use your car's built-in shoulder belt positioner or comfort guide – it's where the belt attaches to the wall of your car. Just slide the positioner up or down to adjust your shoulder belt so it doesn't lie across the neck or face. Some cars

have a loop-type belt guide on the seat itself that can change the angle of the belt. Rear or middle seats may also have adjustable belt guides on elasticized bands.

b) Some cars let you change the seat height – try raising your seat higher to change how the shoulder belt fits.





# EXEMPTIONS

- Not required upon manufacture
- Transport by law enforcement
- Newspaper or mail delivery
- Ambulance staff giving aid
  - Utility meter readers
  - Mass transit operators
- Solid waste/recycling collectors
  - Medical reasons
- Some Commercial Vehicles

# Lap/Shoulder Belts, FMVSS

Outboard, Passenger cars:

Front 1968

Rear 1989

Outboard, Pickups, Vans, MPVs:

Front 1971

Rear 1991

Center rear 2008

Passenger cars, light trucks,  
12 & 15 passenger vans

# Medical Exemption Process

- Dr. fills out form (no CDLS)
- Transportation Safety (NOT DMV) reviews & approves; issues card
- To verify exemptions, call:  
Exemption Coordinator  
503-986-3590 direct



# CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEM

THIS CERTIFICATION IS BASED UPON RECEIPT OF A STATEMENT OF  
RECOMMENDATION FROM A PHYSICIAN

NAME		
SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	OREGON DRIVER LIC OR ID NO

THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT  
TO BE SECURED BY A SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEM, CHILD SAFETY  
BELT, RESTRAINT DEVICE OR HARNESS WHILE DRIVING OR RIDING  
IN VEHICLES BEING OPERATED UPON THE HIGHWAYS OF OREGON

THIS EXEMPTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL:

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THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE CARRIED IN ANY VEHICLE DRIVEN BY THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON OR IN ANY VEHICLE IN WHICH THIS PERSON IS A PASSENGER.

**YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR INSPECTION**

DIRECTOR ODOT -- BY:	DATE

# Exempt Commercial Vehicles

- **Taxi drivers**
- **CVs transporting > 15 persons  
(fee-based transport)**

# No Minors in Open PU Beds unless

- In a parade, OR
- Using safety belt or harness, OR
- All belts used by other minors; then may ride in open bed seated on floor with tailgate securely fastened, IF traveling:
  - 1) Between hunting camps or sites, OR
  - 2) For purposes of employment.

# 2011 Program Priorities

- Booster seats (40% non-use rate)
- Motor carriers (26%)
- Pickup trucks (5%)
- Passenger vehicles (3%)
- “Proper” use
- Minors prohibited in OPEN pickup beds

# **NEXT BLITZ**

**February 7 – 20**  
**(Monday thru Sunday)**

SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT • CLICK IT OR TICKET

TIGARD  POLICE

POLICE INTERCEPTOR

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# **ODOT Media Support for February:**

**Spanish Radio (CPS)**

**&**

**English/Spanish print ad**

# Natl CPS Technician Trainings for 2011

Feb 23-26	White City
Mar 16-19	Beaverton
<u>Apr 13-16</u>	<u>Salem (LE only)</u>
May 19-22	Prineville
June 13-16	Enterprise

# 2011 Ford Explorer inflatable belt (rear seating only)



# Ford Four-point Belt System



# Thank you Oregon traffic officers!

