

# Click It OR Ticket

TxDOT

## Fact Sheet

### Seat Belt Mobilization, May 23 – June 5, 2016

The 15th Annual Click It or Ticket Campaign reminds Texans to buckle up every time they get in a vehicle. Buckling up not only protects motorists against expensive citations, it also saves lives.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) are again joining forces with police and sheriffs' departments across Texas to save lives on Texas highways by working to increase seat belt use. From May 23 to June 5, law enforcement officers are stepping up their efforts to ticket anyone who isn't wearing a seat belt.

### Seat Belt Facts

- Texas is one of 19 states that have achieved at least 90 percent statewide seat belt use rate. (NHTSA)
- The *Click It or Ticket* initiative in Texas saved 4,687 lives and prevented almost 79,578 serious injuries from 2002 to 2015. (NHTSA ESTIMATE)
- In 2015, there were 2,369 reportable motor vehicle crashes in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries. (TxDOT)
- Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of a fatal injury to people in the front seat of passenger cars by 45 percent. For those in pickups, seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent since pickups are twice as likely to roll over as passenger vehicles. (NHTSA)



“Tickets may hurt, but crashes kill.”

### It's the Law: Buckle Up in the Front and Back Seat

Texas law requires the driver and all passengers in a vehicle to be secured by a seat belt. Unbuckled adult drivers and passengers, even those in the back seat, face fines and court costs of up to \$200.

Learn more at [TexasClickItorTicket.com](http://TexasClickItorTicket.com)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration | Texas Department of Public Safety | Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Texas Municipal Police Association | National Safety Council | Texas Department of Insurance | Texas Municipal Courts Education Center