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<b>DRIVER SAFETY SERIES – MONTHLY TRAINING</b>	
<b>SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES</b>	

### **10 REASONS WHY I WEAR MY SEATBELT:**

- 10 I just don't like the taste of glass.
- 9 I don't have a license to fly, yet!
- 8 I can see the road fine from inside my car.
- 7 It takes less time to buckle than text message.
- 6 Road rash isn't attractive.
- 5 My head won't fit in the CD player.
- 4 It's not cool to be stone cold dead.
- 3 My friends won't look good without me.
- 2 Wrinkled clothes are better than blood stains!
- 1 Would a casket be more comfortable?

### **WHY BOTHER?**

At least one American dies every hour because he or she didn't buckle up. Despite the fact that close to 55,000 people are saved by seatbelts each year there still individuals that refuse to wear them. Why? According to an article in the National Safety Council magazine Safety and Health, the most common reasons are:

***Seatbelts are uncomfortable.*** If you find this to be true, the rational thing to do is to find a way to make it more comfortable. You can find many products on the market to pad and adjust your seatbelt in order to fit you. The consequences from not wearing it could bring new meaning to the word uncomfortable.

***I'm only driving to the store.*** Many people feel a short trip in the car does not warrant a seatbelt. The fact is, more than 70 percent of crashes occur within 25 miles of home and 80 percent are at speeds of less than 40 miles per hour.

***A seatbelt will trap me in my car if it catches fire or goes into a lake.*** Even if you happen to have the bad luck to be involved in one of the one-half of one percent of accidents that involve fire or submersion, you are still better off being secured by a seatbelt. Your chances of escaping your vehicle in a timely manner are greater if you have a seatbelt on to keep you conscious and mobile.

***Hey, it's my life!*** This is the scariest answer you can hear. True, it may be your life, but what about the family and friends who will suffer if the unimaginable happens to you? Who takes care of the family you leave behind? Who takes your place at work? The fact is, your decision to not buckle up could have a long-lasting effect on a lot of people.

All in all, it is the law and a company policy, so it makes sense.

### **SIDEBAR:**

If your vehicle is equipped with an air bag, it's important to remember they only provide supplemental protection and must be used with a lap and shoulder belt. Also, remember to follow all manufacturers' instructions when infants or small children are in a vehicle equipped with airbags.

The bottom line is, every time we climb into our vehicles we are putting our lives and the lives of our passengers at risk. By simply putting on a seatbelt and ensuring everyone in your vehicle wears one, you could very well be a lifesaver.