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2021 *Click it or Ticket* May 24th – June 6th



From May 24-June 6, 2021, The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department will be participating in the National effort to increase seatbelt use by stepping up its enforcement efforts for motorists who are not wearing their seat belts.

Seat Belt Law Changes affecting *Click it or Ticket* 2021

- As of November 2020, back seat passengers in a motor vehicle who are 16 years of age and older are required to be restrained by a safety belt.
- A citation for a violation of this law will be issued to the back seat passenger (16 years of age and older)
- Violations will be issued to the driver for backseat passengers that are unbuckled and are less than 16 years of age.
- Seatbelt requirements for back seat passengers also applies to Taxi and Livery service.
- The maximum fine for a conviction is \$50.00 plus applicable NYS surcharges.

Face the Facts

- The national seat belt use rate in 2019 was 90.7%, which is good — but we can do better. The other 9.3% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.
- Among young adults 18 to 34 killed while riding in passenger vehicles in 2019, more than half (57%) were completely unrestrained — one of the highest percentages for all age groups.
- Men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2019, 65% of the 22,215 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. Men also wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do — 51% of men killed in crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40% of women killed in crashes.

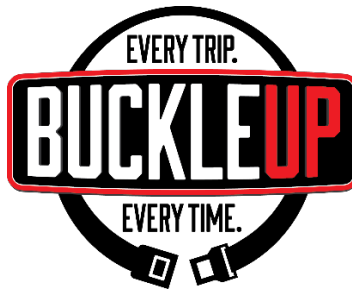
Bust the Myths

- Vehicle type: There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their larger vehicles will protect them better than other vehicle types would in a crash. The numbers say otherwise: 58% of pickup truck occupants who were killed in 2019 were not buckled. That's compared to 43% of passenger car occupants who were not wearing seat belts when they were killed. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.
- Seating position: Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. 45% of all front-seat passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2019 were unrestrained, but 58% of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.
- Rural versus urban locations: People who live in rural areas might believe their crash exposure is lower, but in 2019, there were 11,971 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations, compared to 10,187 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 48% of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 45% in urban locations.

Click It or Ticket — Day and Night

- High-visibility seat belt enforcement is important 24 hours a day, but nighttime is especially deadly for unbuckled occupants. In 2019, 55% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts.
- *Click It or Ticket* isn't about citations; it's about saving lives. In 2019, there were 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. To help prevent crash fatalities, we need to step up seat belt enforcement, day and night.

Learn more about the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization at www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.



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