

Seatbelts save more than lives



Nearly 60 percent of the people involved in an auto crash in Oklahoma last year were killed because they were not wearing a seatbelt. And those not killed? Their injuries were much worse, resulting in higher hospital bills and lifelong disabilities. These type of injuries represent 10 percent of the total U.S. medical expenditures.

Buckle up — Save your life and your money!

What you can do:

- ✓ Buckle your seatbelt every time you ride in a car and insist your passengers buckle up
- ✓ Secure children in age-appropriate car seats
- ✓ Drive safe speeds for road conditions
- ✓ Watch out for the other guy — failure to yield causes more than 10 percent of all accidents
- ✓ Don't drink and drive — alcohol and drug-related crashes killed 168 Oklahomans in 2003
- ✓ Pay attention — being distracted caused 15 percent of fatal crashes in 2003



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