IT'S ALL ABOUT SAFETY



NATIONAL SEAT BELT DAY

National Seat Belt Day is observed annually on November 14th to remind everyone of the importance of buckling up to save lives. Established in 2019 through a collaboration between Volvo, Uber, and the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) to mark the 60th anniversary of the modern seat belt, the day promotes consistent seat belt use to prevent injuries and fatalities in vehicle crashes. Properly worn seat belts significantly reduce the risk of injury or death in a crash. Seat belts work in conjunction with airbags, and not wearing one can make airbags more dangerous. Parents and caregivers who consistently wear seat belts encourage children and others in their households to adopt the same lifelong safety practice.



HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SEAT BELT DAY

Buckle Up:

Make it a habit to buckle your seat belt every time you get into a vehicle.

Be a Role Model:

Show children the importance of buckling up by always wearing your own seat belt.

Spread Awareness:

Use the hashtag #NationalSeatBeltDay to share information and encourage others on social media.

Educate:

Teach children the proper way to use a seat belt and remind everyone in the car to do the same.

WHY IT MATTERS

Saves Lives:

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), properly wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of fatal injury by up to 45% for car occupants.

Prevents Injuries:

Seat belts disperse the force of a crash across the body, preventing serious injuries that can occur when an unrestrained person hits the windshield or is ejected from the vehicle.

Important for All Passengers:

Whether you are a driver or a passenger, sitting in the front or back, or taking a short trip or a long journey, using a seat belt is essential for safety.

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES!

*Employees may wear their orange shirt and jeans or their regular uniform on this day. *GO ORANGE days are not a dress down day, so union

shirts are not permitted on these days.

*If an employee does not have an orange shirt that Topeka Metro provided you, let your supervisor know as soon as possible!

*Other orange tee shirts that are not Topeka Metro-issued are not permitted.

