

MISSOURI BABIES NEED THEIR MOTHERS TO BUCKLE UP

41% of injury related maternal deaths* in 2017 were due to Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVC).

Seat belts would have saved the lives of more than half of the people killed in MVC's every year.†

Missouri State Law: Everyone riding in the front seat must be buckled in.

After pregnancy, continue to buckle up. To take care of your baby, you have to take care of yourself.

During Pregnancy:

- 1) Place the shoulder belt across your chest (between your breasts) and over your collar bone (away from your neck).
- 2) Buckle the lap belt below your belly so that it fits snugly across your hips and pelvic bone.
- 3) Pull any slack (looseness) out of the belt.



85% of maternal deaths due to MVC were unbuckled.

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Data provided by the Missouri Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review program

* Here maternal death refers to those deaths to a mother during pregnancy or within one year postpartum that are not related to pregnancy

† Data provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol