

## **Click It or Ticket Enforcement Underway:**

## Get Belted, not Busted.

## Seat belts save lives.\*

- Wearing one doubles the chance of surviving a crash.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens in Colorado and severely injure hundreds of teens every year.
- In 2006, 71 teen drivers and passengers ages 15-20 died on Colorado highways.
- 68% of the teenagers who died were not wearing seat belts.
- For front-seat passengers, lap and shoulder belts reduce the chance of serious injury by as much as 50%.

- In fatal crashes, 22% of unbelted occupants are ejected from their vehicle and 75% of them are killed; only 1% of belted occupants are ejected.
- 72.9% of teens in Colorado wear their seat belts, compared to 81.1% of the general public.
- Consistent use of seat belts by parents has been shown to be the single biggest influence of a teen's likelihood to wear seat belts.
- All drivers under 18 and their passengers must wear seat belts. It's the law.

## Keep your license (and save your money).

- Violations can cost a teen driver two points on their driving record for each unbuckled person in the car.
- A teen's license can be suspended once they reach six points. That means just three unbuckled people can cost a teen their driving freedom, plus a \$150 fine and 16 to 40 hours of community service.





\*Preliminary data.

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