



A Reminder from Your Local Traffic Safety Partners



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### **Urban Legend**

Many Coloradans think it's more important to buckle up in urban areas because there are more people and more cars on the road. In fact:

- 54% of deaths on Colorado roadways happen on rural roads.
- 252 people died on rural Colorado roadways in 2009.
- More than half of the people who died on rural roadways were NOT wearing a seat belt (compared to 36% in urban areas).

# **Pickup on This**

Coloradans who drive pickup trucks are in a high risk category:

- Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over in a crash.
- 58 people died in pickup trucks in Colorado in 2009.
- 79% of those killed in a pickup truck were NOT wearing a seat belt.

#### Man vs. Belt

The message has not "clicked" with men:

- 2 out of 3 unbuckled deaths in Colorado were men (2009).
- Nearly half of the unbuckled men killed were 18 to 34 years old.

## **Seat Belts Save Lives**

It only takes a second to save your own life, or those in the vehicle with you:

- You are twice as likely to survive a traffic crash and avoid serious injury if you wear a seat belt.
- In 2009, 71% of crash victims without a seat belt were partially or totally ejected from the vehicle.

# **Click It or Ticket**

- It's the law to wear a seat belt in Colorado.
- · Children must be in the proper safety seat for their size and age.
- A ticket will cost you at least \$65 for each violation.