

2017 *Click It or Ticket* Fact Sheet



- Officers from police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police will focus on seat belt enforcement during the *Click It or Ticket* campaign May 22-June 4.
- The mobilization is about saving lives and reducing injuries. Buckling up can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by 45 percent.
- Six people died in traffic crashes during the 2016 Memorial Day holiday period. (*Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center, MSP-CJIC*)
- In 2016, 196 people who died in traffic crashes in Michigan were not wearing their seat belts. Of those, 134 were male and 62 were female. (*MSP-CJIC*)
- Michigan's 2016 seat belt use rate was 94.5 percent. The national seat belt use rate in 2016 was 90.1 percent. (*Michigan State University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA*)
- Past mobilization efforts have resulted in drunk driving arrests, stolen vehicle recoveries and numerous felony and misdemeanor warrant arrests.
- For some drivers, the threat of a ticket is a greater incentive to buckle up than the risk of death or life-altering injury.
- The fine and other costs for unbuckled adults is \$65.
- Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4'9" tall, and children under 4 years old must be in the back seat.
- In 2015, there were 9,874 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. (*NHTSA*)
- Seat belt use is required by law for a reason: In 2015, seat belts saved an estimated 13,941 people from dying. From 2011 to 2015 seat belts saved nearly 64,000 lives across the U.S. (*NHTSA*)
- Among young adults ages 18 to 34 killed in crashes in 2015, more than half (58 percent) were completely unrestrained—one of the highest percentages for all age groups. (*NHTSA*)
- If all passenger vehicle occupants 5 and older involved in fatal crashes had worn their seat belts, an additional 2,804 lives could have been saved nationally in 2015 alone. (*NHTSA*)