

OSHA Seatbelt Requirements – City of Marshalltown



Seat belts save lives

Seat belts are the single most effective traffic safety device for preventing death and injury, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of crash injuries by 50 percent.

Your chances of surviving a crash are up to 70 percent better if you are wearing a seat belt.



Iowa laws aimed at saving lives while operating a vehicle

- Texting while driving and not wearing a seat belt are arguably some of the most risky driving behaviors. That is why Iowa Governor Culver and members of the legislature took action to enact laws that: Prohibit teen drivers with restricted driver's licenses from using any electronic communication device or electronic entertainment device while driving.
- Prohibit texting while driving by all drivers.
- Require all persons under age 18 to wear a seat belt, safety harness or safety restraint system while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

How do seat belts help save lives?

- In a motor vehicle crash, seat belts keep you where it is proven you are safest, inside your vehicle.
- This means the vehicle, not you, takes the force of the crash.
- In a head-on collision, seat belts keep your head from going through the windshield.
- In a side collision, seat belts keep you from going out the side window.
- In a crash involving fire or submersion (less than 1/2 of one percent of all serious accidents), seat belts keep you conscious so you can unbuckle your seat belt and escape quickly.
- In a slide, seat belts keep you in place and help you maintain control of your vehicle.

What are Iowa's seat belt laws?

The portion of the Iowa Seat Belt Law that specifically applies to you as a City employee is:

- The driver and front-seat occupants to be properly restrained any time the vehicle is in forward motion on a street or highway
- Our expectation is:



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he light did you hear about the
new place want to see a movie
on Friday night have to leave
ar/ day on my way to pick u
th leaving should we eat out
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ere is a concert coming up tha
lace was great going to pick u
Johnny after school on Monday
when we all meet to talk about
he week my boss told me about
new thing and the family is al
going
his is a pretty drive going to be
a
me now when we told her I'm
almost there now need to stop

focus

safe driving is
serious business



If you have a question about proper seat belt usage or concern about the seat belt in your City vehicle – you should immediately contact your Supervisor.

Supervisor note:

- Make sure your employee signs off that they understand how to properly use the seat belt in the City vehicle they drive and understand they need to wear it 100% of the time.