



# MCIWEST-MCB CAMP PENDLETON 2016 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## WEEK 1 - SEAT BELT AWARENESS



It only takes two seconds to buckle up. Two seconds! And those two seconds could literally save your life. They will

also keep you from getting a ticket and a fine.

Law enforcement throughout California will be looking for drivers and passengers who don't buckle up during the "Click It or Ticket" seat belt campaign. They will be on the lookout for drivers and passengers - including passengers in the back seat, *day and night*.

"Click It or Ticket" debuted in California in 2005, and since then the state's seat belt use rate has increased from 92.5 percent in 2005 to a record high of 97.4 percent in 2014, representing over 1.5 million more vehicle occupants who have started buckling up.

The minimum ticket cost of an adult seat belt violation in California is \$162 and up, and a minimum of \$465 for not properly restraining a child under 16. If the parent is not in the car, the driver gets the ticket

So when you load up the family for a road trip, a trek across town or just driving to school or work, please do so safely – *every trip, every time, day and night*. Don't put your own life at risk, or the life of your family or friends. Buckle up.

Using seat belts and child safety seats is the number one best thing you can do to survive a crash.



For more information visit: <http://ots.ca.gov/>

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## **Buckling up is a family affair**

The 2015 High School Survey of Teen Drivers and Front Seat Passengers were designed to evaluate teen restraint usage across the state of California. All sites surveyed were collected as planned meaning that 98 schools across 14 counties were surveyed and a total of 17,218 observations were made.

Of these 17,218 observations, 14,074 involved vehicles operated by teen drivers. The other 3,144 observations came from vehicles operated by older drivers but were still observed to determine whether or not their teen passengers were using restraints and to determine if there is a differential belt usage rate for passengers in vehicles with a teen driver versus an “adult” driver.

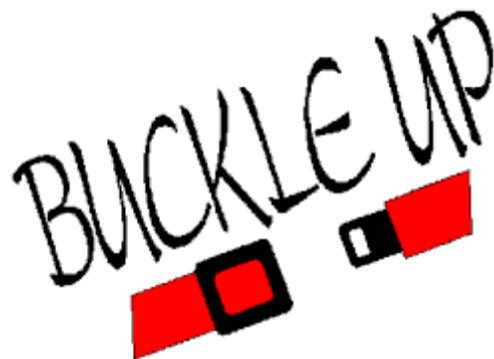
The overall usage rate in 2015 was 95.98% and the standard error was only a 0.55% error rate (compared to a 95.19% with a 0.6% error rate in 2014). Further analyses of the results found that restraint usage in pickup trucks lagged other vehicles but that the gap has closed significantly, teen drivers were more likely to be restrained than teen passengers, and that females were slightly more likely to be restrained than males.

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## Seatbelt Myths



- Vehicle type: There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their large vehicles will protect them more than other vehicles in crashes; numbers say otherwise. Sixty-three percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed were not buckled up.

That's compared to 43 percent of passenger car occupants who were killed while not wearing their seat belts. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.

- Seating position: Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Half of all front-seat occupants killed in crashes in 2012 were unrestrained, but 61

percent of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.

- Rural versus urban locations: People who live in rural areas might believe that their crash exposure is lower, but in 2013, there were 13,038 crash fatalities in rural locations, compared to 8,079 crash fatalities in urban locations.

Out of those fatalities, 51 percent of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 46 percent in urban locations.

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## Just a Thought

*Not buckling up  
doesn't just affect you...*

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## Picture of the Week



## Base Safety Points of Contact

- Traffic Safety – 763-5070
- Recreations Safety – 763-5332
- Safety Training – 763-5328
- Ergonomics – 763-0254
- Radiation Safety – 763-0254
- Mishaps – 763-5334
- Asbestos/Lead – 763-5324
- Respiratory Protection, 763-2366
- Confined Space – 763-2366
- Tactical Safety – 763-5332

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<http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>

[http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbelt\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/seatbelt_laws.html)

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Laws+&+Regulations/Seat+Belts>

<http://www.dmv.org/ca-california/safety-laws.php>

<http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/safety-at-home-motor-vehicle-crash.aspx>

[http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/pdf/leading\\_causes\\_of\\_injury\\_deaths\\_highlighting\\_unintentional\\_injury\\_2012-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/pdf/leading_causes_of_injury_deaths_highlighting_unintentional_injury_2012-a.pdf)

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