

## Take Care of Passengers During Spring Road Trips - Buckle Up

Warm weather and driving go hand in hand. Road trips are best enjoyed when the sweet smells of Spring are in the air. While you may take advantage of the weather to give your vehicle a much-needed wash and wax or a seasonal tuneup, safety concerns also should be at the top of your "to do" list.

As more motorists enter the roadways for warm-weather fun, there are greater opportunities for fender benders from distracted drivers. Your best way to be prepared is to safely buckle up passengers, and follow the safety instructions provided by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) when taking the car out for a drive.

Safety belts supplemented by air bags provide the best available protection during automobile crashes. However, there is a wide fluctuation in the percentage of drivers who actually are using safety belts. Regulations now require that all new cars come equipped with passive re-

straint systems for the driver- and front-passenger seats. This system can be either an air bag or automatic safety belts - neither of which requires any action by the vehicle's occupants. Becoming aware of these passive restraint systems can be your best way to improve safety while driving.

Air bags provide increased protection for drivers. In frontal or head-on crashes, these restraints give supplemental protection to front-seat occupants wearing safety belts. Safety belts are designed to stretch, preventing an occupant from stopping too abruptly during a crash. However, at high speeds belts may stretch too much. Air bags greatly reduce the chance of injury to the face, head and neck during these instances.

Safety belts not only save lives, they offer other positive advantages as well.

• Better car control - Belts can help prevent collisions.

When you steer or break in an emergency, safety belts help keep you behind the wheel and in control of the car.

• Less fatigue - Properly worn, safety belts reduce fatigue by supporting you in an erect position, keeping you more comfortable and alert.

• Protect expectant mothers - Studies show that pregnant women are far safer if they are protected by lap and shoulder belts.

• Protect small children - Car crashes continue to lead all other causes of injury to small children and adolescents. Proper use of child-restraint systems will help keep them safe in an accident.

• Belts keep passengers in place - In violent crashes, unbelted back-seat passengers can be thrown into the driver's compartment, injuring themselves and others. Unbelted occupants also can push the driver away from the steering wheel, making it impossible to control the car.

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