

# PRIMARY SEAT BELT ORDINANCE

Missouri Coalition  
for **Roadway Safety**



## What is a primary seat belt law?

A primary seat belt law allows officers to stop motorists who are not wearing a seat belt, without the need for additional law violations.

## How can a municipality have a primary seat belt law, when the state does not?

Local ordinances can be more restrictive than state law, but not less restrictive. Any questions about the legality of a local primary seat belt ordinance should be referred to your city attorney.

## Get in Touch

1-888-Ask-MoDOT  
[www.savemolives.com](http://www.savemolives.com)

## HOW TO GET STARTED



### Form a Team

Form a group of advocates who want to pass a primary seat belt ordinance.



### Gather and Receive Data

Reach out to your local Regional Coalition Representative to receive data to present and a sample seat belt ordinance to provide to the City Council to adopt.



### Contact Local Law Enforcement

Discuss passing a seat belt ordinance with local law enforcement to gain their support.



### Pass Primary Ordinance

Set up a meeting with the City Administrator or Mayor to get their approval on adopting a primary seat belt ordinance.



### Sign Installation

Once officially passed as a city ordinance, contact your local Regional Coalition Representative to coordinate sign installation.