



WHAT IS A PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW?

A primary seatbelt law allows officers to stop motorists who are not wearing a safety 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 seatbelt ordinance should be referred to your city attorney.

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Primary Seatbelt Ordinance

How to Get Started

1 Form a Team

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

2 Gather & Receive Data

Reach out to Southeast Regional Coalition Representative Ashley Metelski to receive:

- Data to present which will strengthen the importance of why one should be passed;
- Sample seatbelt ordinance to provide to the City Council to adopt.

3 Contact Local Law Enforcement

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

4 Pass Primary Ordinance

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

5 Sign Installation

Following approval, please contact Southeast Regional Coalition Representative Ashley Metelski at (573) 380-9432 or ashley.metelski@modot.mo.gov to coordinate sign installation.