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Increasing seatbelt usage

**QUESTIONNAIRE ON
SEATBELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINTS
POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**

A. Introduction

Motor vehicle crashes represent a major cause of fatality and injury, both in highly motorized, as well as developing countries. This is an issue that is a major public health problem, predicted to become even more of a global challenge over the next several decades. The use of safety belts and child restraint systems are the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries to vehicle occupants. Increasing the use of safety belts is also seen as the most effective defensive step individuals can take to reduce serious injury from the reckless behaviour of, for example, impaired drunk and drugged motorists and drivers displaying aggressive behaviour on the roads.

This questionnaire was developed by the Special Work Group on Increasing Seatbelt Usage set up during the 43rd Session of the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety. Please refer to document **TRANS/WP.1/2003/15, Use of Seat Belts**, for a further description of the purpose and mandate of this group.

B. Explanation

- The most appropriate person to fill out this survey would be a senior government official who has ongoing responsibility for managing and directing your country's policies, programmes and practices related to seat belt and child restraint use.
- Child restraints refer to a separate seat or device, used in concert with the vehicle, that secures the child, generally using the vehicle's seat belt devices, e.g., infant seats, booster seats, etc.
- Please attach, on a separate continuation sheet, to this questionnaire any further explanations to any of the questions that you feel is necessary.

C. Overview

1. Does your Government promote the use of seatbelts and child restraints ?

	Seatbelts	Child restraints
Yes		
No		

2. How would you describe your Government's support for increasing seatbelt and child restraint use?

	Seatbelts	Child restraints
Very high priority		
High priority		
Medium priority		
Low priority		
Not a priority		

D. Data/Statistics

3. Does your Government routinely collect detailed information about road traffic crashes that result in death or injury?

- Yes
 No

4. Does that data include information about whether seatbelts/child restraints were in use at the time of the crash?

- Yes
 No

5. Do you routinely collect data on seatbelt/child restraint wearing? If yes, what was the most recent usage percentage?

	Yes	No	Percent usage/ Date collected
a) Seating positions -- front			
b) Seating positions –back			
c) Child restraints			

6. How do you collect information about seatbelt and child restraint wearing?

- Observation
- Crash data
- Self-reported by occupants
- Opinion/telephone surveys
- Other, please state:
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E. Legislation

7. In your country, are vehicles legally required to have seatbelts fitted/installed?

	Front Y/N	Rear Y/N	Centre Rear Y/N	Year introduced?
Cars				
Commercial vehicles (trucks, goods carriers)				
Bus/coach				

8. Do you have a domestic technical standard for seatbelt installation/performance?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify:.....
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9. Do you have legislation making seatbelt use by adults mandatory?

	National/Federal Law	State/Provincial Law	Front	Rear	Date law enacted
Yes					
No					

10. Do you have legislation making child restraints use mandatory?

	National/Federal Law	State/Provincial Law	Front	Rear	Date law enacted
Yes					
No					

F. Enforcement

Please provide a breakdown of legal requirements by age bands and specific child restraint type:

Age band (e.g. 0-2)	Type of restraint	Seating position (if specified)

11. How strictly does your Government enforce the seatbelt/child restraint laws?

	Seatbelts	Child restraints
Very strictly		
Strictly		
Moderately		
Rarely		
Not at all		

12. What are the sanctions for violations of seatbelt/child restraint laws?

	Seatbelts	Child restraints
Monetary fines (How much ?)		
Penalty points against driver's license (How much ?)		
Other Please state:		

13. Do the police have special seatbelt/child restraint enforcement campaigns in any of their areas of jurisdiction?

- Yes
- No

If yes, briefly describe:

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14. Do you have a road safety education programme in schools?

- Yes
- No

15. At what age does the education programme start?

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16. Does the education programme include information about child restraints/seatbelts?

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17. Does the wider national education programme for the rest of the population include information for parents/carers, e.g. grandparents, about correct child restraint use?

- Yes
- No

18. In the last 12 months, has your Government advertised seatbelt messages using the following media ? Please tick all that apply:

- TV campaigns
- Radio campaigns
- Cinema advertising
- Outdoor/posters/billboards
- Leaflets
- Print e.g. newspapers, magazines
- Internet, new media
- Public relations
- Other, please describe:

19. Do you use shock tactics in advertising?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how does the impact compare with more subtle tactics?

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20. Do you routinely measure the effectiveness of your seatbelt programme?

- Yes
- No

** If yes, how do you determine the impact of:

- a) individual interventions (e.g. a new law enacted, a new TV advertisement)
- b) the entire seatbelt strategy (e.g. seatbelt wearing rates, reduction of casualty rates, awareness of seatbelt messages, publicity, etc.)

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21. Have you carried out research into the characteristics of people who don't use safety restraints?

- Yes
- No

** If yes, how did you use the information?

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22. Does your seatbelt programme offer your stakeholders incentives to help (e.g., grants, additional police equipment, etc.) increase seatbelt/child restraint use to:

- enforcement bodies
- other governmental bodies
- vehicle users
- other, please state:

** If yes, please give examples:

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23. To what extent do you engage non-governmental bodies in promoting road safety activities, particularly seatbelt usage and child restraints?

	Seatbelts	Child restraints
Very often		
Often		
Moderately		
Rarely		
Never		

24. Do you enlist the support of third parties to help focus on and improve seatbelt use among some low use groups e.g., young men 16-24?

- Yes
- No

** If yes, please give examples:

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25. In priority order, name the three most significant factors that are responsible for increasing seatbelt / child restraint use in your country.

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26. In priority order, name the three biggest obstacles your Government faces to increasing seatbelt use in your country (e.g. exemptions for certain drivers or occupants).

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27. In priority order, what are the three actions you would take to increase safety belt/child restraints use if you were solely responsible for your Government's seatbelt programme?

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Is there anything else that you might want us to know about your country's seatbelt and child restraint programmes?

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Name of person responding to this survey:.....

Title:.....

Nation:.....

May we contact you if we have questions about any of your answers?

Yes

No

Telephone Number:.....

Mobile Phone Number:.....

Fax Number:.....

E mail:.....