

## Darien Police Join Other Police in Two-Week Ticketing Campaign for No Seatbelt Use

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With the Memorial Day Weekend approaching, Connecticut's law enforcement agencies intend to promote safe driving and increase the protection of all motorists.

From May 21, 2018 to June 3, 2018 — the week before and the week after Memorial Day — law enforcement officials will be out on Connecticut's roads enforcing the State Occupant Protection laws and issuing citations to those who are unbuckled.



During this campaign, anyone found breaking this law will face fines between \$92 and \$120.

— *an announcement from Darien Police Department*

Failing to buckle up puts you and other vehicle passengers in a potentially deadly situation. It's also against the law — plain and simple. There's never an excuse to not wear your seat belt.

The *Click It or Ticket* campaign combines increased awareness with increased patrolling to reach as many Americans as possible with one key message: *Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective way to save your life and the lives of your loved ones while on the road this Thanksgiving.*

According to NHTSA, seat belts saved approximately 13,941 lives nationwide age 5 and older in 2015. If everyone had worn seat belts that year, an additional 2,804 lives could have been saved.

Proper seat belt use reduces the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to serious injury by 50 percent.

Ejection from a vehicle is one of the most dangerous events that can happen to a person in a crash. In fatal crashes in 2015, almost 8 out of 10 (80 percent) of the passenger vehicle occupants who were totally ejected from vehicles were killed.

Wearing your seat belt is the most effective way to prevent ejections; only 1 percent of the occupants reported to have been wearing their seat belts were totally ejected in a crash, compared to 30 percent who were unbuckled.

**“IN REAL LIFE YOU DON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE.”**

***Buckle Up – Every Trip. Every Time!***