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# *The* **FACTS ABOUT SEAT BELTS**



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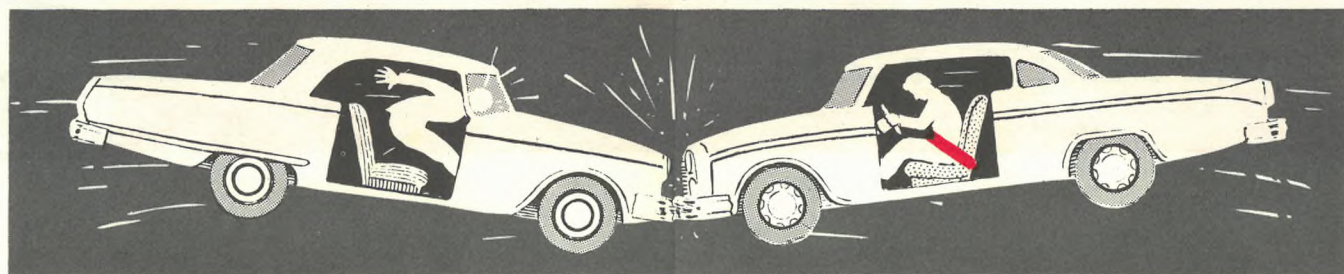
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## IT'S A FACT

1. Two-thirds of the drivers involved in fatal accidents live within 25 miles of the crash. Even a short trip to the grocery store can be dangerous. *Wear seat belts whenever and wherever you go.*
2. Actual crash condition tests prove your chances of being killed are five times greater if you are thrown out of your car.
3. "The seat belt, properly used, pulls down and back across the pelvis and hips, not across the abdomen. Even a woman in the last months of pregnancy may safely wear them." *American Medical Assoc. Journal.*
4. A seat belt meeting acceptable standards can be purchased for as little as \$4.95 . . . about the cost of a steak dinner. *What is your life worth?*



5. If your car catches fire or goes under water in an accident, a seat belt will hold you in place and lessen your chances of being knocked unconscious. *The seat belt can be released in a second with the flip of a finger.*
6. Seat belts should be worn for comfort as well as for safety. They help you maintain good posture and reduce fatigue. They keep you behind the wheel when emergencies occur and help to prevent accidents.
7. A seat belt restrains you. It lessens the impact of the blow. *BUT, it is never a substitute for careful driving.*
8. *Smart drivers do everything they can to keep themselves and their passengers alive and comfortable. How's your seat belt I. Q.?*

## CASE HISTORIES

"Maine's annual fatality toll would break all records if it were not for the use of automobile safety belts." *Torben K. Andersen, Chairman, Maine Highway Safety Committee.*

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"THANK GOD MY SISTER MADE ME INSTALL SAFETY BELTS IN THE CAR!" *The 70-year-old man miraculously escaped injury in a spectacular crash at Scarborough.*

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"IT WAS THE SEAT BELTS THAT SAVED US!" *The Quebec couple narrowly missed death in a two-car crash at Sanford. Both cars were wrecked.*

"SEAT BELTS DID THE TRICK." *Bucksport Police Officer Harold Snow said the car was a total loss. The driver was uninjured. A passenger suffered only minor bruises.*

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"BOTH BOYS WERE ABLE TO GO HOME THAT NIGHT." *Trooper Lawrence Vigue said seat belts saved the lives of two teen-agers, who would have otherwise been thrown from a foreign sports car at Bailey Island. The car was destroyed by fire. Neither boy required hospitalization.*

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"The seat belt is the most effective device that has been developed in recent years for preventing serious injuries and deaths." *National Safety Council.*