



The Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety (IDOT/DTS) is proud that Illinois has a 90.1 percent daytime safety belt usage rate. Illinois is one of only 10 states in the nation with over 90 percent daytime safety belt compliance. In the five years since the primary safety belt law was signed by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich in 2003, 113 additional lives have been saved and 3,480 injuries have been prevented on Illinois roadways.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), safety belt usage goes down by approximately 10 percent at night. In 2006, 54 percent of all fatal crashes in Illinois occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. To remind motorists of the importance of safety belt use at ALL times, the Peoria Police Department is joining state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois by participating in the Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (IMAGE). This program is specifically designed to obtain motorist compliance with occupant protection, impaired driving, and speed laws through increased enforcement and education activities during specific time periods, particularly during night time hours.

If you are using your vehicle this winter, whether it's a short trip to the grocery store, or a long-haul across the state, if you aren't buckled up, you will get a ticket. Of course you should buckle up every trip, every time throughout the year, but this winter you risk not only your life, but getting a ticket if you and your passengers aren't buckled up both day and night.