

# OSHA Seatbelt Requirements – City of Marshalltown



# Seat belts save lives

Seat belts are the single most effective traffic safety device for preventing death and injury, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of crash injuries by 50 percent.

Your chances of surviving a crash are up to 70 percent better if you are wearing a seat belt.



# Iowa laws aimed at saving lives while operating a vehicle

- Texting while driving and not wearing a seat belt are arguably some of the most risky driving behaviors. That is why Iowa Governor Culver and members of the legislature took action to enact laws that: Prohibit teen drivers with restricted driver's licenses from using any electronic communication device or electronic entertainment device while driving.
- Prohibit texting while driving by all drivers.
- Require all persons under age 18 to wear a seat belt, safety harness or safety restraint system while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

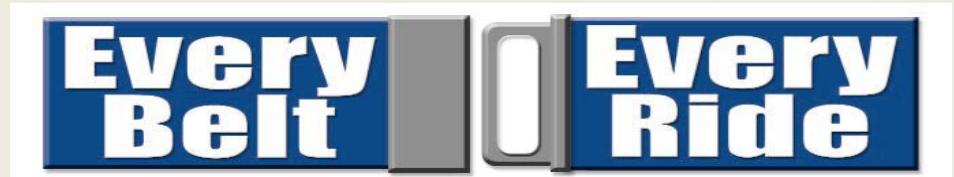
# How do seat belts help save lives?

- In a motor vehicle crash, seat belts keep you where it is proven you are safest, inside your vehicle.
- This means the vehicle, not you, takes the force of the crash.
- In a head-on collision, seat belts keep your head from going through the windshield.
- In a side collision, seat belts keep you from going out the side window.
- In a crash involving fire or submersion (less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one percent of all serious accidents), seat belts keep you conscious so you can unbuckle your seat belt and escape quickly.
- In a slide, seat belts keep you in place and help you maintain control of your vehicle.

# What are Iowa's seat belt laws?

**The portion of the Iowa Seat Belt Law that specifically applies to you as a City employee is:**

- The driver and front-seat occupants to be properly restrained any time the vehicle is in forward motion on a street or highway
- Our expectation is:



# focus

safe driving is  
serious business



**If you have a question about  
proper seat belt usage or  
concern about the seat belt in  
your City vehicle – you should  
immediately contact your  
Supervisor.**

# Supervisor note:

- Make sure your employee signs off that they understand how to properly use the seat belt in the City vehicle they drive and understand they need to wear it 100% of the time.