



# Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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## DON'T READ THIS!

We've talked, preached and begged about wearing seat belts. Now, it's the law. The City Council passed the laws governing the use of seat belts on 18 December 1984, and the effective date is 18 February 1985.

Department members are encouraged to set forth a good example for all citizens and utilize their seat belts both on and off duty.

Some of the highlights of the new ordinance are listed below:

27-342.1 The driver and front seat passenger of a motor vehicle operated in the City of Chicago shall wear seat belts. A child less than 6 years of age shall be protected as required by the Child Passenger Protection Act of the State of Illinois. Front seat passengers between the ages of 6 and 15 years shall be secured by the driver of the motor vehicle.

27.342.2 All school buses operated in the City of Chicago for the purpose of transporting students to and from school and school related activities shall be equipped with a seat safety belt system for each passenger in the bus. The driver of the school bus shall be responsible for adjusting and fastening the seat safety belts of all student passengers.

27.342.3 Sections 27-342.1 and 27-342.2 shall not apply to any of the following:

1. Drivers or passengers in delivery vehicles not exceeding 15 M.P.H. between stops.
2. A driver or passenger possessing a written statement from a physician stating he or she is unable for medical or physical reasons to wear a seat belt.
3. Drivers or passengers from out of the state or county possessing a certificate, or license endorsement stating the driver or passenger is unable for medical, physical or other valid reasons to wear a seat safety belt.
4. Drivers operating (a motor vehicle) in reverse.
5. A passenger motor vehicle manufactured before 1 January 1965.
6. A motorcycle or motortricycle.
7. A moped.

8. Any passenger motor vehicle which is not required to be equipped with seat belts under state or federal law.

9. A passenger motor vehicle operated by a postal carrier of the United States Postal Service while such carrier is performing his or her duties as a postal carrier.

27-342.4 This ordinance shall be enforced as a secondary action when the driver of a passenger motor vehicle or school bus has been detained for some other offense. Any person who shall violate the provisions of 27.342.1 and 27-342.2 shall be fined Twenty-Five (\$25.00).

DO SEAT BELTS REALLY WORK?

"ONLY IF YOU USE THEM"



This vehicle struck a fixed object and rolled over. The extensive damage indicates the possibility of serious personal injury. However, note that the driver and passenger areas are still intact.

Many officers wear their bullet proof vests faithfully to protect themselves in case they are involved in a shooting; but, how many of these safety minded officers wear their seat belts, knowing that their chances of being involved in an automobile accident are much greater. Seat belts can save lives and prevent injuries.

THINK ABOUT IT!