

Seat Belt Observation Form (front seat only)

Date _____
 Observer _____
 City/Coun _____
 Time Started _____

Day of Week _____
 Badge No. _____
 Location _____
 Time Ended _____

Vehicle	Driver	Passenger	Vehicle	Driver	Passenger	Vehicle	Driver	Passenger
1			34			67		
2			35			68		
3			36			69		
4			37			70		
5			38			71		
6			38			72		
7			40			73		
8			41			74		
9			42			75		
10			43			76		
11			44			77		
12			45			78		
13			46			79		
14			47			80		
15			48			81		
16			49			82		
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19			52			85		
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24			57			90		
25			58			91		
26			59			92		
27			60			93		
28			61			94		
29			62			95		
30			63			96		
31			64			97		
32			65			98		
33			66			99		
						100		

Coding: 0 = No Shoulder Belt 1 = Shoulder Belt

1. Total Number of Drivers and Passengers Observed
2. Total Number of Drivers & Passengers w/ Shoulder Belts
3. Total Belted (#2) Divided by Total Observed (#1) = Total Belt Use Rate

**Enter results of #1-3 on Enforcement Activity Report & submit after post-wave survey.
 Retain this completed form in your agency records (do not submit to GTSB).**

SEAT BELT OBSERVATION SURVEYS

WHY CONDUCT A SURVEY?

To record and reflect changes in driver behavior as a result of enforcement and education efforts in seat belt use.

HOW TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY

Observation surveys should be conducted at locations that have an average or above average volume of traffic on a daily basis. Observations may be conducted at various times and days of the week. Survey sites should reflect different types of motor vehicle travel such as residential, intersections, business entrances, schools or highways in the community. All vehicle types should be counted in the observation to include passenger cars, pick-ups, trucks, etc. To insure an accurate comparison in driver behaviors, subsequent observation surveys should be conducted at the same location(s), day of week and time of day as previously recorded. Weather and road conditions should be comparable as

- 1) Choose “key” locations within the community. Smaller populated areas with less vehicle traffic should identify at least two sites and larger areas identify at least five sites.
- 2) Conduct observations until one hundred vehicles are observed or for one hour.
- 3) Observe drivers and front seat occupants.
- 4) Select a location where the front seats are visible from your position, i.e., near a stop sign/light.
- 5) **Do Not count the cars when you cannot confirm if belts are used.**
- 6) Utilize the Observation Form on reverse side and copy as needed.
- 7) Child restraint surveys require special instructions. Contact the GTSB for information.
- 8) Whenever possible do not use a marked vehicle for observations.

Results of the survey and subsequent changes in driver behavior should be incorporated into local public information and media materials.