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**THE PERFECT
LITTLE SEAT BELT**

→ *How to wear it!*

**8 DOs &
DON'Ts**
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Safety Belt Instructional Series

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Look smart and set the trend.

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the perfect little seat belt **how to wear it!**



do

Look (and be) smart by wearing it properly, over your shoulder.

Be a trendsetter and ensure you'll look your best for the rest of your life by wearing your seat belt properly. Always wear your lap belt AND your shoulder belt. They work **together** to protect you. Seat belts save lives, but they only work when they are used.

don't

Wear the shoulder belt under your arm.

Off-the-shoulder is **dangerous and soooo unchic**. Don't be a "How Not to Wear" victim. Wearing the shoulder belt under your arm could result in severe damage to internal organs in a crash.

You Can't Live Without It. Wear It Right. Every Time.

Tip: If you feel that your seat belt is just not long enough to fit, look into getting a belt-extender. Offered by most car makers, it allows you to buckle up right every time. **Contact a dealer.**

on the road

Belt Basics

more dos & don'ts

- › **DO**
click it **every time you drive or ride**, even on short trips.
- › **DO**
move closer to the buckle of your seat belt for a better fit and better angle across the shoulder.
- › **DO**
wear your **lap belt low on your hips**, under your stomach.
- › **DO**
click it right to prevent serious injury and to avoid a ticket.
- › **DON'T**
wear a lap belt alone **when a shoulder belt is available**.
- › **DON'T**
wear the shoulder belt behind you. **Cross your heart and click it!**
- › **DON'T**
let the lap belt ride up over your tummy, **keep it low over the hips**.
- › **DON'T**
forget **it's the law**. Make sure **everyone is buckled up properly!**

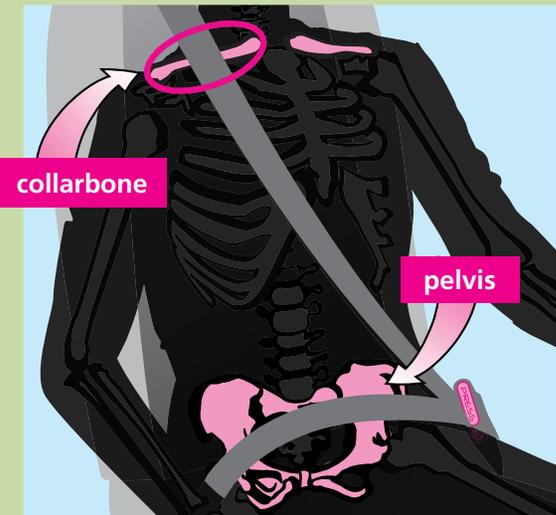


**Vanity
Flair**

Your clothing might get a few wrinkles, but that's nothing when you consider you could be risking serious injury or death by not using a seat belt properly.



Ready-*To*-Wear



Seat belts are designed to contact the strongest points of the body — the pelvis and the collarbone. If belts are not worn properly, you risk soft tissue damage to vital organs like the lungs, stomach, liver and spleen, as well as the spinal cord.

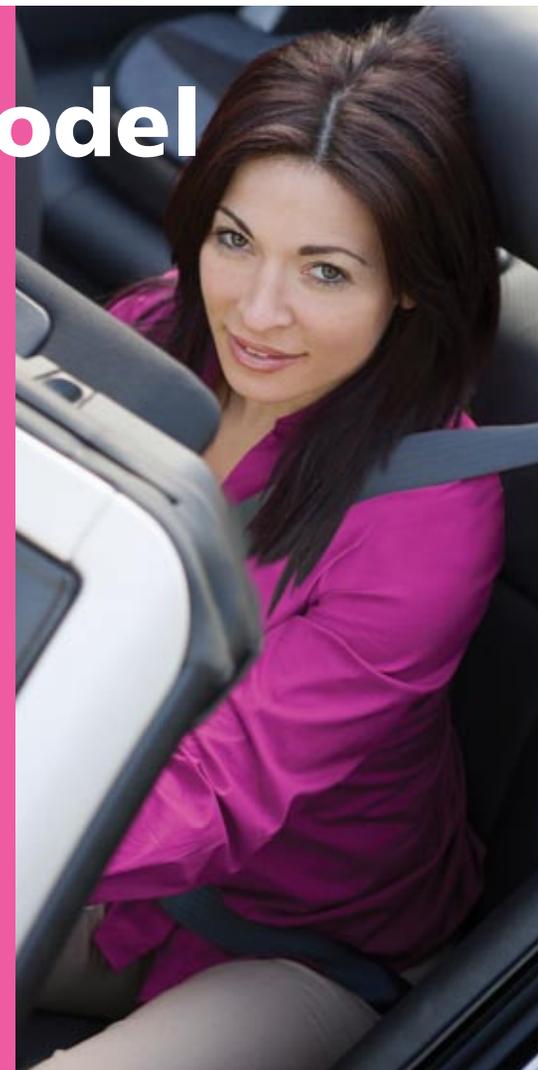
Never Mix & Match!



Lap belts, shoulder harnesses and air bags are designed to work together and are most effective when all components are worn correctly. The shoulder belt is essential to prevent forward movement at impact. Without it, you could sustain head and neck injuries if the air bag deploys during a crash.

Be a Model Driver

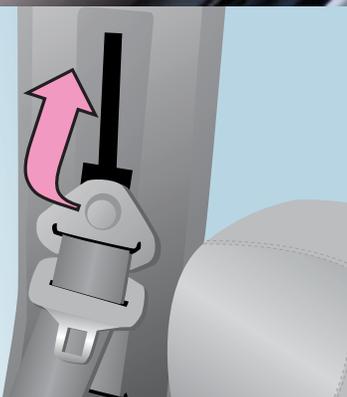
Set the trend and be a good example for your friends and family. Buckle up the right way and be safe. Remember ... a seat belt is like the basic black dress ... it's a classic you can't live without! And, in Maryland, you simply can't be seen without one. Maryland's law allows police to stop a vehicle and issue citations solely for violating the seat belt law. Both the driver and front seat passenger may receive tickets for not wearing seat belts.

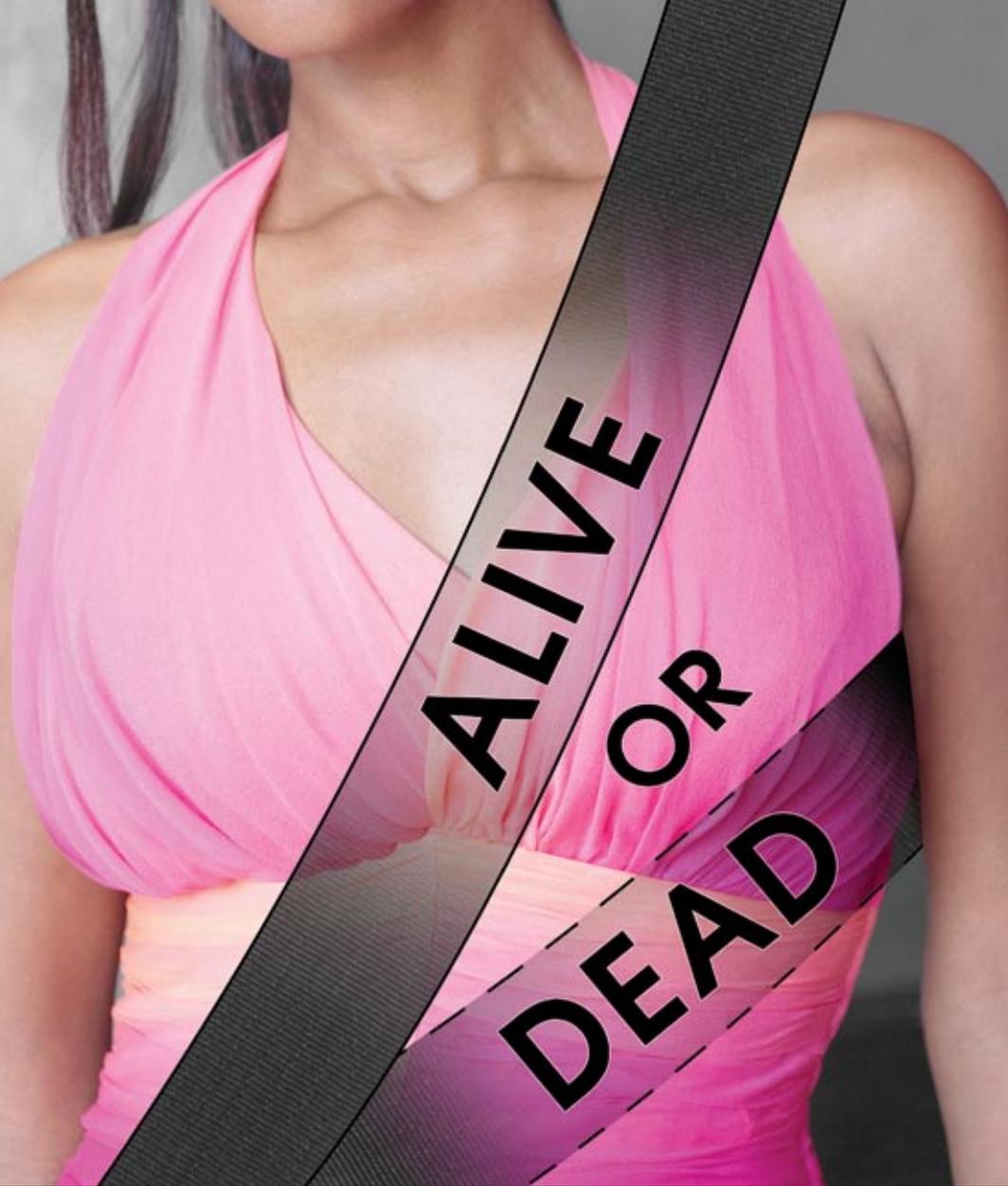


Adjustable Straps!

The Height of Fashion!

Did you know that in most newer vehicles the shoulder harness can be adjusted to fit your height comfortably? See your vehicle owner's manual for information.





DRESSED TO KILL?

NO, DRESSED TO LIVE!

Wear it the right way **every** time and fashion a beautiful future for yourself and your loved ones!