Safety in the Streets

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With homecoming season approaching, we should remind ourselves of some safety requirements when driving.

**Seat belts-**

* -Protect people by putting restrictions on their bodies’
* -Reduce the amount of injuries in car accidents
* -Should be worn by all car passengers, including the drivers
* -If not worn there could be fine starting 25$- and for children $75 for the first offense, $200 for the second offense.

**Proper way to wear seatbelt-**

* Should be worn across a person’s shoulder and across their upper thigh/lap.
* Should not be worn to the point that it will strain the neck and prevent breathing.
* Should be worn around your hip and make sure it is not too tight but tight enough so you won’t slip out.

**Airbags-**

Airbags are safety devices made of nylon within a vehicle that expands in order to work along with seat belts to protect drivers and passengers during a vehicle collision.

**How does it work?**

With force equivalent to going ten to fifteen miles at a brick wall the sensor within the airbags will activate and release nitrogen into the airbags. Within one twenty fifth of a second the airbag will expand.

 

A concerned high school parents states “Teens need to be caution because many of them are new drivers and don’t drive as well as they believe they can”.