

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Seat Belt Safety DSP96**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Seat Belt Safety DSP96, Wis. Stat. ss. 347, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DSP96>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of State Patrol  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor South  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705-9100

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.gov](http://wisconsin.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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## Safety belt use in Wisconsin is...

### Behind the national average and neighboring states

- Although safety belt use in Wisconsin is at an all-time high of 88 percent of drivers and passengers buckling up, the state still lags behind the national average of 89 percent.
- Wisconsin is also behind its neighboring states all of which have safety belt use rates of more than 90 percent.



### An incredibly effective and simple way to save lives

- Consistent safety belt use by all occupants including those in rear seats is the single most effective way to protect against being ejected from a vehicle or being thrown around violently inside it during a crash.

## Costing all of us lots of money for unbelted motorists in crashes:

- Drivers and passengers who are hurt or killed in traffic crashes because they didn't buckle up create tremendous economic losses, such as medical expenses and lost worker productivity. The rest of society pays for nearly 75 percent of these economic losses through higher insurance premiums, taxes, and other public funding, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.
- In 2013, economic losses from traffic fatalities and injuries in Wisconsin cost more than \$2.7 billion, according to the [2013 Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts](#).

### Related information:

- [Child safety seats](#)
- [Seat belts on school buses](#)
- [Crash facts - Safety equipment and seat belt use](#)
- [Who's buckled up](#)

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