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### **Seatbelt Facts**

In 2005, 202 people died on Montana highways in crashes involving passenger vehicles. Over 75 percent of them—152 drivers and passengers—either didn't use or improperly used their seatbelts. In all likelihood, most, if not all of the 114 people who were killed because they were partially or completely ejected would be alive today had they been wearing their seatbelts.

Buckling up on every trip—not just the long distance ones—can save lives. Not wearing a seatbelt doubles your chances of being seriously hurt in a crash. Remember that most accidents occur at speeds less than 40 miles per hour, often within 25 miles of home.

Seatbelts and air bags are meant to work *together* to keep drivers and passengers safe. The presence of air bags in a vehicle doesn't mean seatbelts are unnecessary.

In the United States, auto accidents are the leading cause of paraplegia (from damage to the spinal cord).