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## **Upcoming Seat Belt Safety Enforcement**

The Tigard Police Department will be participating in a safety enforcement focused on the proper use of seat belts from September 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month, with an emphasis on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Officers will be educating the public about safety belt laws and issuing warnings and/or citations where appropriate.

For drivers and front-seat passengers, simply wearing a seat belt reduced the risk of death in traffic crashes by 45-60%, according to 2017 data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

This focused enforcement coincides with National Child Passenger Safety Week, and is made possible in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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