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### **UPCOMING SEAT BELT AND CAR SEAT ENFORCEMENT**

Tigard Police officers will be joining other agencies across the state in an upcoming special enforcement focused on proper seat belt and car seat use.

The enforcement will be held from January 29 – February 11. During this time, law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon will use federally funded overtime to educate the public about safety belt and child seat laws, including a law passed in 2017 requiring children to ride in a rear-facing car seat until at least age 2.

Crashes are the leading cause of death for kids ages 1-12 in the United States. It's estimated that car seats may increase crash survival by 71% for infants and by up to 59% for toddlers ages 1-4.

In 2021, half the people who died in crashes across the U.S. were not wearing seat belts. The importance of proper seat belt and car seat use cannot be overstated.

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