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**Newsletter Article**

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**Day and Night. Click It or Ticket.**

Did you know that in Delaware 9 out of every 10 people are buckling up? It's true. So why is OHS partnering with Delaware Law Enforcement again this month to enforce the seatbelt laws – specifically at night? The answer is simple: To save lives.

Fewer people wear their seatbelts at night than in the daytime, often 10% less. In 2009, just 23% of drivers and passengers killed in night time crashes after 9 p.m. were buckled up. Not surprisingly, this also happens to be when the riskiest drivers are on the road.

Here are some things that you need to know:

- Delaware's law requires everyone in the vehicle, including the driver and all passengers, even those in the back seat, to buckle up. The fine for violations is \$25, plus court processing costs. Total fines could be \$70 or even more in some municipalities.
- During the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, you can expect to see increased night time enforcement of Delaware's seat belt laws. Police statewide will be conducting night time Traffic Safety Checkpoints to check for seat belt violators, as well as roving patrols.

What can you do?

- Wear your seat belt, every trip, every time. And ensure all passengers are properly secured in a safety belt or child safety seat before you put your vehicle in gear.

**Buckle Up. Arrive Alive De.**

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