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Monterey Park Police: Buckle Up, Monterey Park. Every Trip, Every Time

Monterey Park, Calif. - November 26, 2019 - The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Millions across the country will be hitting the road to meet with friends and family for Thanksgiving.

It is why Monterey Park Police Department is reminding everyone to wear their seat belt for every trip, regardless of how far you are traveling.

“We want everyone to get to where they are going on Thanksgiving safely,” Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith said. “Putting on a seat belt only takes a few seconds and is the best way to put you out of harm’s way.”

While 90% of front seat passengers were observed using seatbelts nationwide, the observed seat belt rate of back seat passengers was just 76 percent, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. No matter where you are in a vehicle, you should be buckled up.

In California, the fine for a seat belt violation is $162. The fine for not securing a child in a child safety seat is $490.

Under California law, children under two years old who weigh under 40 pounds and are under 40 inches tall must ride in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of eight or under 4’ 9” tall must be secured in a car seat or booster seat.

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