

Road Safety: Focus on Protective Equipment

Seatbelts
and helmets
save lives



Wearing a seatbelt reduces the risk of a fatal crash by 60% for those sitting in the front seat(s) and 44% for those sitting in the rear.



Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of severe head injury by 70% for motorcyclists and fatal head or brain injury by 71% for cyclists.



A child correctly restrained in a car seat is 60% less likely to have a severe or fatal injury compared to children who are not restrained.



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