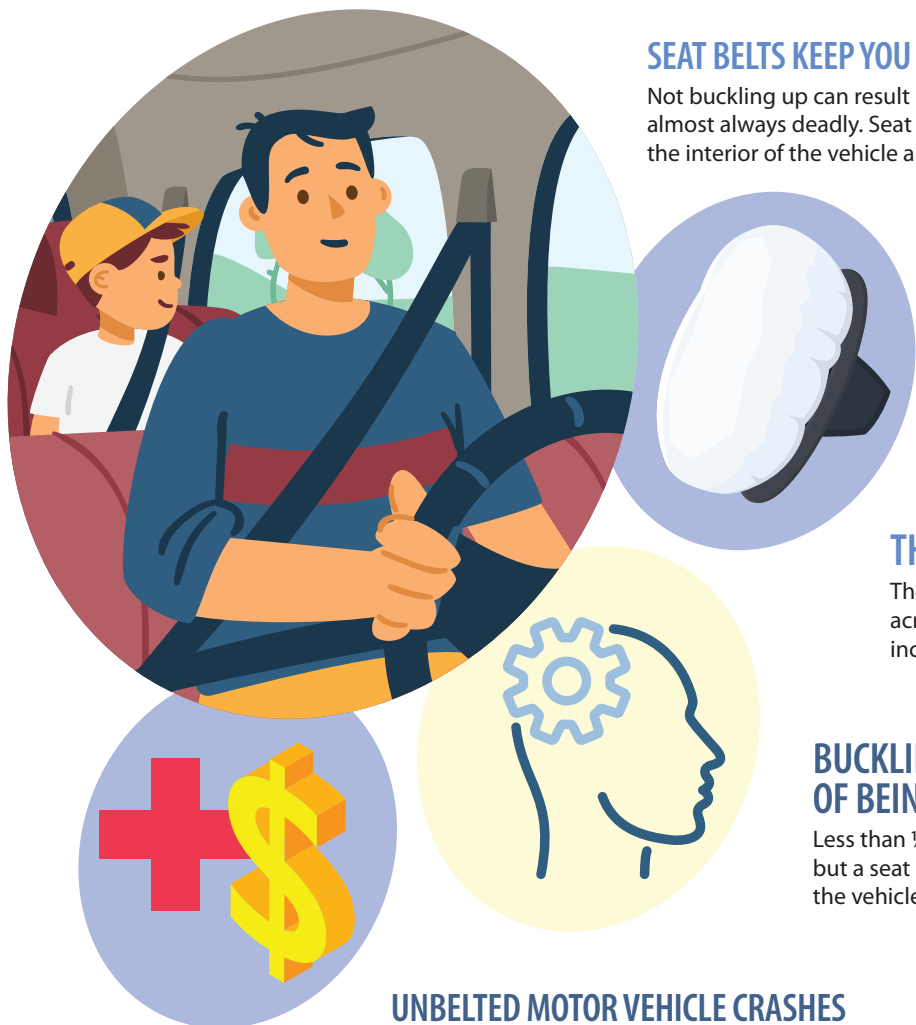


# SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related death in North Dakota. The number one contributing factor in these motor vehicle deaths is not wearing a seat belt.



## SEAT BELTS KEEP YOU SECURE IN YOUR VEHICLE.

Not buckling up can result in being totally ejected, which is almost always deadly. Seat belts also prevent impact with the interior of the vehicle and other occupants.

## AIR BAGS AND SEAT BELTS WORK TOGETHER.

Seat belts are designed to keep you in the proper position for the vehicle's other safety systems to work.

## THE FIT OF YOUR SEAT BELT MATTERS.

The shoulder belt should go over the collar bone and across the center of your chest with no more than one inch of slack. The lap belt goes low across the hips.

## BUCKLING UP GIVES YOU A GREATER CHANCE OF BEING CONSCIOUS AND ABLE-BODIED.

Less than 1/2 of 1% of crashes involve fire or water submersion, but a seat belt gives you a greater chance of getting out of the vehicle with the least amount of injury. (NHTSA)

## UNBELTED MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES HAVE A HIGH COST TO NORTH DAKOTA.

There is a cost to each North Dakota taxpayer in terms of emergency response, medical assistance, increased insurance premiums, unemployment compensation, and more.

## PARENTS INFLUENCE THEIR CHILDREN.

Child restraint use drops by 40% when parents ride without their seat belts. (NHTSA)

## NORTH DAKOTA LAW

All front seat occupants must be properly buckled up regardless of age and all occupants younger than 18 must be properly restrained regardless of their location in the vehicle. Children younger than 8 years of age are required to ride in a child restraint.

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