

## Non-Use of Seat Belts and Other Restraints

Failure to wear seat belts and other restraints contributes to serious injury and death in road crashes.

Motor vehicle drivers and passengers must sit in a seat that has a restraint available and they must have the seat belt or restraint fastened and worn correctly. Passengers are not allowed to travel in the back of trucks, utes or panel vans, unless there are approved seat belts provided.

In line with the known increase in injury severity from not wearing an appropriate restraint, the monetary fine for seat belt offences have increased by \$50 across the board. The number of demerit points incurred remains unchanged.

### New penalties for drivers and passengers not being correctly restrained:

Offence	Fine	Demerit Points*	Previous Fine	Previous Demerits*
Driver not wearing seat belt	\$200	3	\$150	3
Driver not ensuring passenger 1-16 years wears seat belt	\$200	3	\$150	3
Driver not ensuring passenger occupies position with seat belt	\$200	3	\$150	3
Driver allowing unrestrained passengers in front row of seats	\$200	3	\$150	3
Driver not ensuring child under 12 months is suitably restrained	\$200	3	\$150	3
Passenger not wearing seat belt	\$200	0	\$150	0
Passenger not occupying seat belted position that is available	\$200	0	\$150	0
Passenger sitting in front row unrestrained	\$200	0	\$150	0
Driver allowing passenger in open utes etc	\$200	3	\$150	3
Passenger riding in open utes etc	\$200	0	\$150	0

\* Demerit points are doubled on long weekends and other prescribed holiday periods.

Remember, this is a guide only and should not be relied on for legal purposes.

Full details of all traffic offences and penalties are contained in the Road Traffic Code 2000. Copies can be viewed at the Library and Information Service of Western Australia and are available for purchase from the State Law Publisher, 10 William Street, Perth WA 6000 or online at [www.slp.wa.gov.au](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au)