



Durham Regional Police officers in Clarington will be on the look out for motorists who aren't buckled up this coming week.

As part of a province-wide initiative, police will be targeting seat belt enforcement during the week of April 16th to 20th. Motorists are reminded that a properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision. A typical seat belt assembly consists of a lap and shoulder belt. The shoulder belt should be worn closely against the body and over the shoulder and across the upper chest, never under the arm. The lap belt should be firm against the body and low across the hips.

Police remind motorists that all Ontario motor vehicle drivers and passengers must wear a seatbelt in a properly adjusted and securely fastened manner. A driver can be charged a fine totalling \$240 (\$200 set fine, \$35 victim surcharge, \$5 court cost) and will default two demerit points for a seatbelt infraction under the Provincial Highway Traffic Act. Demerit points remain on a driving record for two years from the date of the offence.

All motor vehicle drivers are responsible for ensuring that all children passengers under the age of 16 years are properly secured in a seatbelt or an appropriate child car seat or booster approved by the Canadian Standards Association.

Seatbelt blitz in Clarington

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For more information about this traffic safety initiative, please contact Constable Dave D'Silva, Traffic Safety Coordinator for East Division at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 1630.

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