Each year on average, from 2013 to 2017:
• 54 people who were killed in a traffic accident were not wearing their seat belts;
• 140 people who sustained serious injuries in a traffic accident were also not wearing their seat belts.

Whether you’re the driver or a passenger, and whether you’re in the front seat or in the back seat, properly buckling up is mandatory. If you fail to do so, you face:
• a fine of $200 to $300;
• 3 demerit points.

If a passenger doesn’t buckle up, who receives the statement of offence?
• If the passenger is younger than 16, the driver is the one who receives the fine and demerit points.
• If the passenger is 16 or older, the passenger is the one who receives the fine and demerit points. The demerit points are entered in the passenger’s driving record, even if the passenger doesn’t have a driver’s licence yet.
How to Properly Adjust a Seat Belt

• The diagonal shoulder belt must always cross over your collar bone, not over your neck.
• The lap belt must always be worn low across your pelvic bone, not across your stomach.
• The seat belt should be snug, with no slack.

Taxis

Passengers
You must also buckle up in a taxi, whether you’re in the front seat or in the back seat.

Taxi Drivers
On the majority of public roads, including roads located within town and city limits, taxi drivers are exempt from wearing seat belts when they are on duty. However, they are required to wear their seat belts when driving on a numbered public road, such as a highway or expressway.

Are You Pregnant?
Studies show that wearing a seat belt significantly reduces the number and severity of the injuries sustained by pregnant women and their fetuses in the event of a collision.

For more information:
saaq.gouv.qc.ca/seatbelts