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**MTPD wants you to Click It or Ticket**

*Added enforcement to look for seat belt violations*

The Miami Township Police Department is planning added enforcement of Ohio's seat belt law from May 22 – June 4, 2023, as part of a national campaign. *Click It or Ticket* focuses enforcement during Memorial Day weekend, continuing through the summer.

“Not only will we be looking for motorists who are not wearing their seat belt, but we will also watch for child safety seat violations, OVI, speed and other traffic violations,” Sgt. James McCarty said.

Ohio law requires that motorists wear a seat belt. Every driver and front seat passenger must wear one. Children between the age of four and eight and under 4 feet 9 inches tall, must ride in a booster seat or a child safety seat appropriate for their age or size. The Ohio Department of Public Safety says seat belts provide the greatest protection against ejection in a crash. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reports that 576 unbelted motorists were killed in 2021, up 15% from 2020.

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