

# Be TireWise!



Be *TireWise*, because the only thing between you and the road are your tires.

In 2017, drivers in the United States put more than 3.2 trillion miles on their tires. In that same year, there were 738 people killed in tire-related crashes.

Many of these crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance—including tire inflation and rotation—and understanding tire labels, tire aging, and recalls and complaints.

Because safety is our top priority, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation want to make sure you have the tools to avoid being in one of these crashes. *TireWise* is your resource to help you make smart decisions to keep you and your family safe, whether you're in the market to buy new tires or want to extend the life and safety of the ones on your car or truck.

*TireWise* is also a resource for tire manufacturers, sellers and other partners to provide essential information to consumers for choosing and caring for their tires.



*The next time you're in the garage, remember these handy tips to get the most out of your tires.*

## IMPORTANT TIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

### Tire Recalls and Complaints

When there are problems with tires, you can rely on NHTSA to keep you informed. But we also need your help by letting us know when you believe there might be safety issues with your tires.

[Tell us if you believe there is a problem with your tire\(s\).](#)

[Look up tire recalls and complaints.](#)

### 12-15 Passenger Vans

Tire condition and maintenance are extremely important in these vehicles, which have a higher risk of rollovers. In fact, if you drive or ride in a 12- to 15-passenger van, we urge you to make certain the van has appropriately sized and load-rated tires that are properly inflated before every trip.

[Get more information on passenger van safety.](#)



Learn how taking care of your tires can help you save money, reduce fuel consumption, and protect yourself and your family on the road.



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Seat belts save more than  
13,000 lives every year.

One of them could be yours...

## The top 5 things you should know about buckling up:

### 1 Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash.

In 2015, seat belts saved an estimated 13,941 people from dying. From 2011 to 2015 seat belts saved nearly 64,000 lives—enough people to fill a large sports arena. During a crash, being buckled up helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle, whereas being completely thrown out of a vehicle is almost always deadly. Seat belts are the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers.

### 2 Air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them.

In fact, if you don't wear your seat belt, you could be thrown into a rapidly opening frontal air bag; a movement of such force could injure or even kill you. Visit [www.nhtsa.gov/airbags](http://www.nhtsa.gov/airbags) for more on [air bag safety](#).

### 3 Guidelines to buckle up safely

Follow the guidelines shown in the photo to the right. As you can see, the lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which can withstand crash forces better than other parts of your body.

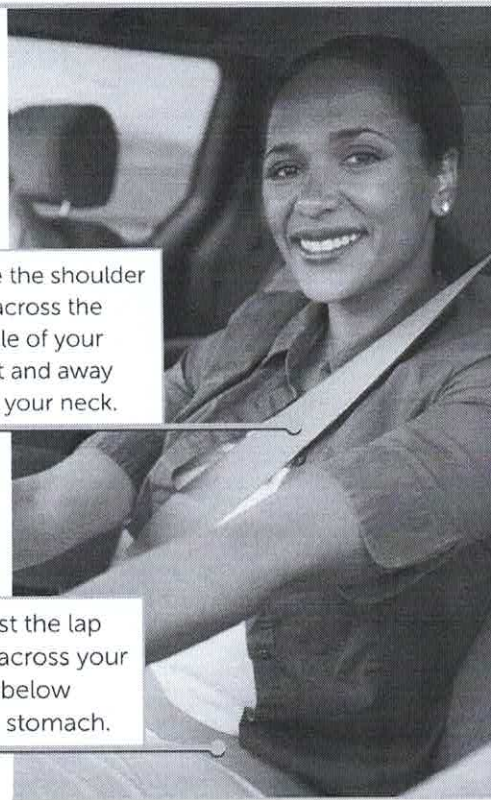
### 4 Fit matters

- Before you buy a new car, check to see that its seat belts are a good fit for you.
- Ask your dealer about seat belt adjusters, which can help you get the best fit.
- If you need a roomier belt, contact your vehicle manufacturer to obtain seat belt extenders.
- If you drive an older or classic car with lap belts only, check with your vehicle manufacturer about how to retrofit your car with today's safer lap/shoulder belts.

### 5 Seat belt safety for children and pregnant women

Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at [www.nhtsa.gov/seatbelts](http://www.nhtsa.gov/seatbelts) to find out [when your child is ready for an adult seat belt](#).

If you're expecting a little one, see NHTSA's [seat belt recommendations for pregnant women](#) at [www.nhtsa.gov/seatbelts](http://www.nhtsa.gov/seatbelts) to learn how important it is for you — and your unborn child — to buckle up the right way every trip, every time.



Place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and away from your neck.

Adjust the lap belt across your hips below your stomach.

**NEVER** put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.



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