

# Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention: Use of Safety Belts, Enhanced Enforcement Programs

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## Task Force Finding

### Intervention Definition

Enhanced enforcement programs provide increased rather than routine enforcement of safety belt laws at specific locations and times. These programs always include a publicity component.

### Task Force Finding (October 2000)\*

Enhanced enforcement programs are strongly recommended based on their effectiveness in increasing safety belt use and reducing fatal and nonfatal injuries in a wide range of settings and among various populations. One program reported increased corollary arrests as an additional benefit of an enhanced enforcement program. No harms were reported and no qualifying economic information was identified from the literature.

\*From the following publication:

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