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Buckle Up – *Click It or Ticket*

Garland Police are joining with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and law enforcement agencies across Texas to ticket drivers and passengers who aren't properly wearing their vehicle's safety belts during this year's *Click It or Ticket* campaign. Extra officers will be out in Garland throughout the campaign which runs from May 20 – June 2.

Statistics prove a seat belt is your best defense in the event of a crash whether you're in the front or back seat of a vehicle.

For more than a decade, TxDOT has sponsored the annual *Click It or Ticket* campaign to remind motorists to buckle up. Though Texas is a leader in seat belt safety with 94 percent compliance, teens, passengers in general, and pickup drivers and those in rural areas continue to lag behind when it comes to seat belt use.

A properly fastened safety belt is the best way to avoid death or serious injury in a vehicle crash. Lap belts should fit snugly across the hips, not over the stomach. Shoulder belts go over the shoulder and across the center of the chest.

Both drivers and passengers can be ticketed if they aren't buckled up, and violations can result in fines and court costs of up to $200. Children younger than 17 years old must be properly restrained with a safety belt or age-appropriate child passenger safety seat.

The Garland Police Department and TxDOT remind motorists to buckle up properly every time they get in a vehicle. texasclickitorticket.com

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