



**BUCKLE  
UP  
Ontario**

1. Wearing a seatbelt is a personal choice.

True      False

2. Wearing a seatbelt is not necessary if there are airbags in the vehicle.

True      False

3. Sharing a seatbelt is against the law.

True      False

4. Children aged 12 and under are safest in the back seat.

True      False

1. FALSE - In a crash, a **seatbelt** keeps the driver in place behind the wheel. This allows the **driver** to maintain **control** of the vehicle which can help avoid or reduce the consequences and severity of a **crash**.

In a crash unbelted **passengers** can become high-speed projectiles – posing a **threat** not only to themselves but to **others**. Lives can be **lost** when front-seat passengers or drivers are **hit** by an unbelted **rear-seat** passenger.

2. FALSE – Air bags do not replace seatbelts. Without a **seatbelt** you may not be in the right position to benefit from the **protection** air bags provide. In fact, if you are not wearing a **seatbelt** you can be seriously injured by a deploying air bag.

3. TRUE - Never put **two** people in the **same** seatbelt. Neither is properly protected and can **crush** each other in a collision. It is against the **law**. Never carry more people in the vehicle than there are seatbelts.

4. TRUE – Air bags deploy at high speeds and can be dangerous. Children, aged 12 and under, are safest in the back seat of the vehicle away from all active airbags.

Anyone transporting children must use the appropriate child car seat or booster seat. This applies to all caregivers, including babysitters and grandparents.

### One person. One seatbelt.

Ontario's seatbelt law requires **everyone** to use a seatbelt. There must be a seatbelt or child car seat for **each** person in the vehicle. Drivers are **responsible** for ensuring passengers **under** 16 years of age are secured properly.

**Fine: \$90**  
+ victim surcharge  
+ 2 demerit points