Montana Department of Transportation

Tribal Traffic Safety Program
Safe On All Roads (SOAR) Program
Montana’s Reservations
## Native American Fatalities

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## Montana - Statewide

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### Fatality Comparison

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Key Principles

- Each tribe is unique
- Involve tribes in finding solutions
- Connect tribes with resources
- Relationships are key – active programs with strong tribal participation
- Improving data collection
- Awareness of culture in framing programs
Challenges

- Jurisdictional issues
- Data collection and sharing
- Turnover in tribal government
- Cultural differences
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
Rodeo Campaign

(BUCKLE UP BOYS)

Levi, Billy and Rusty Hendrickson of Arlee
Rodeo champions - Seat belt users

“We count on the buckle. So should you.”

BUCKLE UP IN YOUR TRUCK.

Pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as a car. A seat belt increases your chances of survival in a rollover by up to 80%.
Youth Campaign

EDUCATION IS SURVIVAL
Learn to wear your seat belt.

Formal education is replacing hunting and gathering as a means to feed our families. But, as they always have, children learn the lessons of survival from parents and elders.

Thank you for showing your children how to survive by buckling up every time you are in a vehicle.
Community Teens Pledge to Buckle
Provide their own reasons for seat belt use
Teen Traffic Safety

Why Buckle Up

We are only partway through our journey.

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We buckle up because we want to stay alive and strong for our families and our people.

To keep our culture, each generation must buckle up in their turn.

I buckle up to play another game.

I buckle up because I don't want to let my team down.

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Buckle them with love.

Buckling children in car seats and booster seats appropriate for their size reduces the risk of serious injury and death by more than half.

- Your infant should ride in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible, up to the weight and height limits provided by the car seat manufacturer.

- Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a 5-point harness until reaching the top height and weight limit allowed by your car seat’s manufacturer—usually up to 40-50 lbs.

- Protect your child with a belt-positioning booster seat until he or she is at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Most booster seats can be used up to 60-100 pounds.

- A lap belt should snugly cross the hips, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should not touch the neck or face. Keep all children under 13 in the back seat.
Safe Travels Campaign

Most recent Statewide Campaign

GET HOME SAFELY

Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.

Motor vehicle crashes are the enemy: the main killer of American Indians age 1 to 44. The biggest threat to our people is what happens behind the wheel. Please talk to your family and friends about being safe—as a driver and as a passenger.

- Ask everyone to buckle up, every trip, every time.
- Never ride with a driver who has been drinking.
- If you will be drinking, don’t drive.

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Northern Tribes DUI Task Force

Mission Statement:

The Northern Tribes DUI Task Force, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, Rocky Boy, and Blackfeet, will endeavor to protect the present and future generations of American Indians in Indian country. Through our alliance utilizing the four E’s (Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Services and Education) our collaborative efforts in combating impaired driving will reduce serious injuries and fatal vehicle crashes that tragically effect our Indian people.
Northern Tribes DUI Task Force

- Comprised of members from Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree/Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Tribes
- Members are a diverse group of traffic stakeholders to include engineering, enforcement, education, judicial and Tribal executive leadership
- The Northern Tribes DUI/Drug Task Force develops public education campaigns on a range of impaired driving topics. These campaigns support local law enforcement efforts that include, but are not limited to, High-Visibility Enforcement.
Northern Tribes DUI Taskforce

Graduation Campaign

JOIN US WITH A MESSAGE TO OUR GRADUATES:

Your future starts now.

Be a sober driver... have a sober driver.
In FFY 2015, a total of 939 citations were written by Flathead, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Tribal law enforcement.

This is almost double the citations issues in 2014. FFY 2015 had the following highlights:

- 41 DUI citations
- 44 Seatbelt citations
- 2 Speeding citations and warnings

Establish DUI and Seatbelt checkpoints with the purpose of either apprehending an impaired driver or checking for driver’s and occupant restraint systems.

Fort Peck Reservation has a primary seat belt law and a law prohibiting cell phone use.
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