Seat-belts: the facts

Wearing a seat-belt reduces the risk of a fatal injury by:

- Up to 50% for front seat occupants
- Up to 75% for rear seat occupants

Seat-belt laws should cover both front and rear seat occupants. There are 111 countries with comprehensive seat-belt laws covering all car occupants. This covers 4.8 billion people... or 69% of the world’s population.

To effectively increase seat-belt wearing rates, legislation must be supported with strong and sustained police enforcement. Only a quarter of all countries report good enforcement of their seat-belt laws.

Source: Global status report on road safety 2013
www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status