



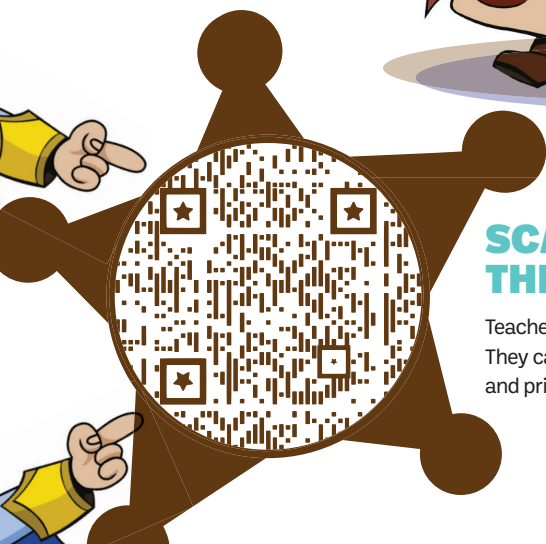
Buckle em up Sheriffs

Win great prizes
for your class



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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE EXPLAIN-ALL VIDEO.

Teachers can watch the video which explains the campaign. They can also download the poster, booklet and certificates and print them if they need them.

WHAT'S THE SEATBELT SHERIFF ALL ABOUT?

He's back! The Seatbelt Sheriff is again in need of help from primary school students to teach everyone his message about always buckling up in the car.

The Seatbelt Sheriff is a fun way to get children involved in saving lives on the road. Children in First Class can become Seatbelt Sheriffs by taking a pledge to wear their safety belts and make sure that everyone else in the car is buckled up too. They'll flash their new sheriff's badge and certificate so everyone they're travelling with knows that they must wear their safety belt. Students can also win an amazing prize for their school with our Seatbelt Sheriff competition.

Recent statistics have shown that between 2016 and 2021, where known, 4 children under 16 were killed in collisions when they were not wearing a seat belt in a seat belt equipped vehicle.

*Figures are provisional and subject to change.

WHY YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BUCKLE UP

If the car you are travelling in crashes, you can be thrown out of your seat. You could be sent through the windscreen or into the dashboard, hurting yourself and others. A safety belt will keep you safe and snug in the car. Wearing a seatbelt can be a matter of life or death, so it's critically important that you always put it on, the minute you sit into the car.



THE ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY'S NUMBER ONE RULE IS:

All children should be kept safe in a vehicle with restraints appropriate to their height and weight. There is no alternative to buckling up – and strictly no exceptions.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY ALWAYS BUCKLING UP

Did you know that 11% of children going to school are not wearing a seatbelt?

Remember, every person in a car is required by law to wear a safety belt and it is up to the driver to make sure passengers under 17 are following the law. It is very important for adults to lead by example.



DOWNLOAD & PRINT OFF.

All posters, booklets, certificates and the competition submission form can be downloaded at seatbeltsheriff.ie.



IMPORTANT LEGAL POINTS



Where safety belts have been fitted, they must be worn.



Children under 3 years of age may not travel in a car or goods vehicle (other than a taxi) unless buckled into a child car seat.



Children under 150 centimetres in height and weighing less than 36 kilograms (generally children up to 11 or 12 years of age) must use the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion when travelling in cars.



Rear-facing child car seats must not be used in passenger seats protected with an active frontal airbag. This now attracts penalty points.



Child restraints must meet EU or United Nations - Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) standards (look for the E mark).



Drivers have a legal responsibility to ensure passengers under age 17 are appropriately restrained.

Contact the Road Safety Authority on 096 25000 or log on to www.rsa.ie/childsafetyincars to get a free copy of a booklet and DVD on selecting child car seats.



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FUN! PLAY "SNEAKS AND HAZARDS" ONLINE TO DRIVE HOME LEARNINGS.

You can organise a game in the classroom "sneaks and hazards" (based on classic 'snakes and ladders') that is online. There are road safety questions which are age appropriate delivered in a fun and familiar way for the kids.

Visit seatbeltsheriff.ie.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For children who are under 150 centimetres in height and weigh less than 36 kilograms, using only the standard rear safety belt is not sufficient. It could even cause abdominal injuries. A booster seat ensures that the three- point safety belt is correctly positioned on the child's body. And it allows him/her to see out the window. With the help of a booster seat, the belt holds the child's pelvis in place and reduces the risk of serious injury by 30%.

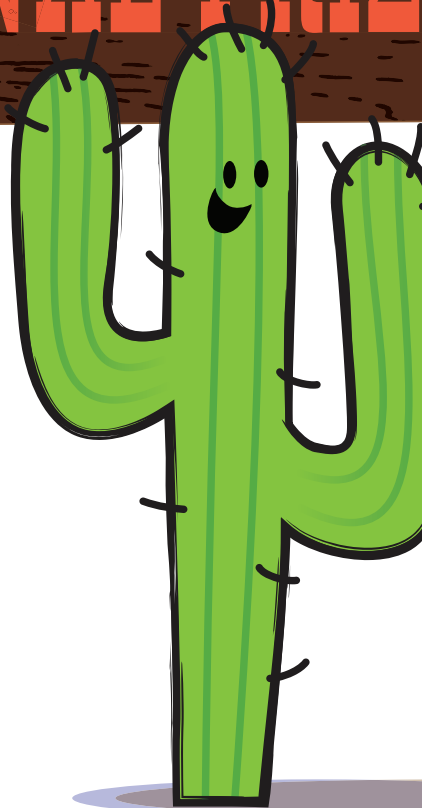
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DESIGN A POSTER

Our poster design competition is back again this year, giving everyone the opportunity to show just how safety belt savvy they are. Students from all around Ireland are invited to take part in our Seatbelt Sheriff competition. All you have to do is design a poster all about the Seatbelt Sheriff's 'buckle up' message. The school that sends in the winning entry will receive €2,000 and the poster will also be published in the RSA Education Newsletter as well as Social Media channels.



COMPETITION

PRIZE €2000

ES €500



ENTERING THE SEATBELT SHERIFF COMPETITION

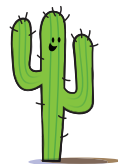
- GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS

This competition is for First Classes only and no more than one entry per class may be submitted. The poster you enter can be designed by all the students in the class or any individual student. You may want to organise a class competition to decide which poster should represent your class. Poster text may be written in either English or Irish, and your entry should be on a sheet of paper no bigger than A3 in size. Remember to send a completed entry form along with your submission to: Seatbelt Sheriff Competition, PO Box 107, Ballina, Co. Mayo. Entries must reach us no later than 3rd March 2023.



ENTRY FORM

To enter, all you have to do is design a poster!



Complete the entry form below and post it off with your poster to:
Seatbelt Sheriff Competition, PO Box 107, Ballina, Co. Mayo,
to reach us no later than 3rd March 2023.

Name of Teacher:

Name of Class:

Name of School:

School Address:

Eircode: **School Phone:**

Email Address:

**DON'T FORGET TO
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