

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: MANDATORY SAFETY BELT USE IN STATE-OWNED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the number of automobile accidents involving state-owned vehicles has increased consistently during the last several years; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the employees of the State of Delaware and public invitees who travel in state-owned vehicles, certain efforts must be undertaken to minimize personal injury and loss of life sustained as a result of accidents involving state-owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is an undisputed fact that the use of safety belts saves lives, reduces injuries, and saves thousands of dollars in insurance and health care costs; and

WHEREAS, to date, twenty-one (21) states now require the driver and all occupants of state-owned vehicles to wear safety belts; and

WHEREAS, it has always been policy of the State of Delaware to take reasonable and prudent steps to prevent injury to state employees and those with whom they come in contact.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. Effective immediately, all drivers and occupants of state-owned vehicles that are currently equipped with safety belts, shall properly wear those safety belts at all times when traveling in and outside the State of Delaware.
2. The driver of the state-owned vehicle shall be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all the terms and conditions of this Executive Order.
3. In implementing this Executive Order, agency, department and division directors or their designees shall cause an inspection to be made of all state-owned vehicles assigned to their agency, department or division in order to insure that the safety belts found in those vehicles are properly installed and in good working order. State management personnel shall familiarize state employees with all the terms and conditions of this Executive Order by conducting appropriate educational and promotional programs using the educational services and material available free of charge from the Office of Highway Safety and the Delaware State Police.

4. Except in those vehicles exempted by the Secretary of Administrative Services, each state-owned vehicle covered by this Executive Order shall have affixed to the dashboard, or otherwise prominently displayed, a decal or other sign indicating that safety belt use is required of all occupants of that vehicle. Decals shall be made available free of charge by the Office of Highway Safety.

APPROVED THIS 21ST day of
May, 1985.

Michael A. Cadden
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mark A. ...
SECRETARY OF STATE

