

Booster to Belts

Virtual How to Guide

Welcome to the Booster to Belts program! We have included this “how to” guide to help you prepare, plan and implement Booster to Belts in your community in a VIRTUAL setting. All materials needed to complete the program are included in the kit provided and mailed straight to your door! Thanks for participating in Boosters to Belts, we hope you enjoy bringing this life-saving information to the children of your community!

Why?

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for Missouri children 5 to 14 years old. In 2022, 43% of children younger than 17 killed in Missouri traffic crashes were unrestrained. Furthermore, **6** children between 0-9 years old were killed in traffic crashes in 2023, with another **82** that were seriously injured due to not wearing their seat belt or not in proper car seats. It is for reasons such as these that the Booster to Belts program was created.

Seat belts are designed for adults and booster seats are designed to help children fit the seat belt correctly. So, a booster seat literally BOOSTS a child up! It is important for children and their families to know the importance of booster seats in keeping young passengers safe in a crash.

Who?

The program is intended to be a fun and interactive way for educators to teach children in kindergarten through 3rd grade the importance of buckling up and using a booster seat. The presenter must conduct a Booster to Belts presentation for all 4 grade levels. This can be done all at once, or it can be in smaller group, such as by grade level.

How?

Each school's participation is going to be a little bit different especially trying to accomplish the presentation virtually, but below are steps you can take to plan the Booster to Belts presentation for your community.

1. Contact your elementary school principal, talk to them about the Booster to Belts presentation and request their permission and help in planning the program. Make sure you are able to answer all of the questions in the application.
 - The Booster to Belts presentation lasts approximately 20 minutes.



- At this point you will need to decide how many students/grades you will present to at once. Again, you may choose to do one large presentation or several smaller ones through the online platform of your choice.
2. Apply for Booster to Belts program at
<https://www.dccca.org/b2bMO>
 3. Once you are approved to complete the presentations, we will send supplies based on the number of children noted in the application. Each kit will include a flash drive with the Power Point presentation along with educational materials that can be sent home to the students and their parents.
 4. Review the PowerPoint presentation. The notes section of each slide provides the information you will present to the children. Be sure to practice and remember the higher energy you show, the more responsive the students will be!
 5. Invite the community! School Resource Officers, law enforcement and media are all members of the community who can help spread your message! Don't forget to take pictures!
 6. Time to present! Remember, this is intended to be FUN! So be excited and animated. When it's time to yell "BUCKLE UP!" let the kids see how much fun you're having too!
 7. When your presentation is completed, fill out the Program Completion Form at
<https://www.dccca.org/b2bMO>
 8. Once the Program Completion Form and photos are turned in, the presenter or the organization that presented will receive a \$150 speaker reimbursement, provided by State Farm.

Remember, our goal is always to keep kids safe. In bringing the Booster to Belts message to your community, you are helping to make each and every one of those kids safe!

If you have additional questions, please contact us. Good luck and enjoy Booster Rooster and the Booster to Belts program!

Follow us on Facebook and share photos of you completing the program!



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