

Booster to Belts 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. 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 2021, 43% of children younger than 17 killed in Missouri traffic crashes were unrestrained. Furthermore, **9** children between 0-7 years old were killed in traffic crashes in 2021, 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. Having teens present this message to the children will encourage the teens lead by example as well as educate the children. This can be done all at once, in an auditorium, for example, 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, but below are some 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. You will need time to set up (a computer and projector are needed for the PowerPoint presentation) as well as allowing time for children to enter if that is applicable.
 - 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.



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. Before completing the presentation, make sure you have everything you need.
 - a) Computer
 - b) Projector
 - c) Booster to Belts Kit
 - i. Booster to Belts PowerPoint presentation
 - ii. Booster Rooster coloring sheets for kids
 - iii. Booster Rooster educational materials for teachers
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. Once your presentation is completed, fill out the Program Completion Form at <https://www.dccca.org/b2bMO>
8. When 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!

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