

Press Release

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The Warren County Health Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing a seat belt.

Missouri law 301.010RSMo requires all drivers and front seat passengers on a street or highway of this state shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets federal National Highway, Transportation and Safety Act requirements.

There are approximately 42 percent more fatal crashes in rural settings than urban. Crashes in rural areas tend to be more severe.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 14 and under in the United States. Child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used correctly, can prevent injuries and save lives. Young children restrained in child safety seats have an 80 percent lower risk of fatal injury than those who are unrestrained.

For more information please call the Warren County Health Department at 636-456-7474 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Or visit the website at www.warrencountyhealth.com