

Seat Belt Use During Pregnancy

Should I wear my seat belt?

- Yes. Wearing your seat belt properly is the most important thing you can do to keep you and your baby safe.

How should my seat belt fit?

- Place the lap belt under the curve of your belly so the belt rests on your hips.
- Wear the shoulder belt to the side of your belly and diagonally across the center of your chest and collar bone.

How should I adjust my seat?

- Sit back to provide space between your belly and the steering wheel, but be sure you can reach the pedals safely.
- Try not to recline the seat more than necessary. Sit in a comfortable upright position.

What should I do about my airbags?

- Tilt your steering wheel so the airbag is directed towards your chest, not your belly or your face.
- Adjust your seat to keep at least ten inches of space between the airbag and your chest.

What should I do if I am in a crash?

- Seek immediate medical attention and notify your prenatal care provider, even if you do not feel injured.

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