



SAFETY BELT DIVERSION COURSE

Education vs \$\$ Fine \$\$

If it is the first time you have been cited for a seat belt related traffic violation you may be able to attend a **Safety Belt Use Course** in lieu of paying a fine to the court. Attendance of the class will dismiss this citation from your driving record.

You must attend the course on the day you are scheduled by the traffic court. The course will last approximately two hours.

After you have attended the class, the instructors will notify the court of your attendance and the court will automatically dismiss the citation.

If the officer has cited you for other violations besides the Safety Belt charges, you must enter a separate guilty or not guilty plea on those charges. Other charges **CANNOT** be dismissed by attending the Safety Belt Program.

First YOU Must Contact the Court

West Klickitat District Court

(509) 493-1190

East Klickitat District Court

(509) 773-4670

Consider This:

SAFETY BELTS REDUCE your chances of being killed or seriously injured by 50-55%.

15 OUT OF EVERY 20 people killed in car crashes are not wearing safety belts.

THE ODDS ARE 1 IN 5 that you will be involved in a crash this year.

MORE AMERICANS ARE KILLED or injured in traffic crashes than are murdered or assaulted.

Special Thanks To:

Washington State Patrol

Oregon State Patrol

Klickitat County Courts

Mid Columbia Medical Center

Klickitat County Sheriff's Office

Bingen/White Salmon Police Department

Goldendale Police Department

The Dalles City Police Department

Hood River Police Department

Hood River County Sheriff's Department

Wasco County Sheriff's Office

Columbia Gorge Safe Kids Coalition

*The proceeds from this program are used to purchase infant and toddler car seats for indigent families in our community.