



## SAFETY BELT POLICY #1-01

A large percentage of municipal employees operate cars, trucks and other municipal mobile equipment in the course of their work. Driving places heavy demands upon an employee's alertness, judgment and skill. Driving errors an employee may make can be costly to the municipality, but of greater importance is the potential, which exists for serious injuries to the employee and members of the general public.

Municipal vehicles are easily identified as such and constitute a traveling advertisement seen by many citizens. Wearing safety belts will save lives and reduce injuries, while serving as an example to the general community of the importance of safety belt use.

Therefore, the Town of Townsend implements the following policy:

All municipal personnel are required to wear safety belts when operating or riding in municipally owned or leased vehicles, or in other vehicles, including personal vehicles, while engaged in town related business. Town management insists that all municipal employees comply with this policy, including the police and fire departments. We encourage the school department as well to comply.

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