

## SEATBELTS

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This subsection pertains to all CDF's automotive equipment, including, but not limited to, administrative and personnel carrying vehicles, bulldozers, and graders. It also involves all automotive equipment operated under the regular supervision of CDF's personnel, regardless of actual ownership of the vehicle.

Seatbelts are installed for all driver and passenger seats, excluding temporary combination toolbox seats. The seatbelt installation instructions provided in this section will apply if an emergency repair is necessary.

Whenever the vehicle is in motion, each passenger, whether or not an employee of the state, must use the seatbelts (and shoulder harnesses where provided). Where seatbelts are installed next to a door opening, the buckle must be installed away from the opening.

All seatbelts installed in departmental vehicles shall be of a type approved by the CHP. Seatbelts purchased must have metal-to-metal latches.

Seatbelts must be maintained in a clean and operable condition and, when not in use, buckled together to prevent their falling behind the seat.

On Crew-Carrying Vehicles (CCVs) special riser mounting brackets shall be fabricated and installed behind each seat. These brackets shall be firmly affixed to the floor in line with the left- and right-hand legs of each seat and shall be adequate in strength to support two seats of seatbelts. The seat- belts shall be firmly affixed to these brackets at the trailing edge of each seat. (Special brackets are necessary in the CCVs to allow leg room underneath the seats.)

State employees shall be encouraged to install and use seatbelts and shoulder harnesses in their private vehicles. No private vehicle shall be used on state business unless equipped with an approved seatbelt for the operator.

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