

BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

SUBJECT: USE OF SEAT BELTS

NUMBER: 518

EFFECTIVE: October 27, 2021

SUPERSEDES: June 25, 2007

POLICY:

Employees of the Sheriff's Office are to utilize existing safety belt systems in compliance with CRS 42-4-237 when in a motor vehicle on county business.

DEFINITIONS:

CRS 42-4-237: The State of Colorado statute requiring the use of safety belt systems, stating the exceptions to the statute and the penalties for violation of the statute.

Safety Belt System: A system utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any other belt or combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle to restrain drivers and passengers.

PROCEDURE:

I. Wearing Safety Belt Restraints

- A. All Boulder County Sheriff's Office personnel utilize safety belt systems while operating or riding in a Sheriff's Office or county vehicle.
- B. All passengers riding in Boulder County Sheriff's Office vehicles are required to utilize safety belt systems.
- C. All Boulder County Sheriff's Office personnel utilizing private transportation, for which reimbursement for mileage is being received from the Sheriff's Office are subject to the restrictions in Sections A. and B.
- D. All prisoners transported in Boulder County Sheriff's Office vehicles are subject to the restrictions of Section B above. Exceptions regarding the transport of prisoners can be found in the Jail Policy on Prisoner Transportation, J2701.

II. Exceptions

- A. When the vehicle is not equipped with a safety belt system.
- B. Employees performing tasks that require the frequent exiting from and entering of vehicles (business checks).
- C. Employees anticipating the need for a rapid exit from a vehicle.

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By Order of the Sheriff,

Joe Pelle

Joseph K. Pelle, Sheriff

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Date