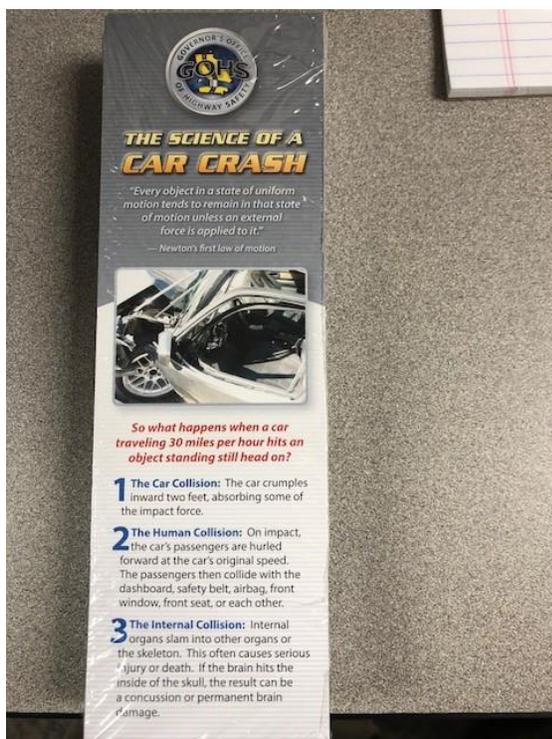


Nanette Schieke, Chief, Driver Safety, Maryland Dept. of Motor Vehicles

Good question, Gail; thanks! Maryland has nothing directed to this specifically, but it will be interesting to see what others post. Last I checked our data, there is not an overrepresentation of unbelted older driver crashes / fatalities -- is there elsewhere? We have the basic safety message -- all belted all the time -- in our Resource Guide for Aging Drivers, and seatbelt use / education / proper adjustment is a BIG piece of the CarFit program and probably the #1 item for comfort concerns.

Elizabeth Head, Older Driver Program Coordinator, Georgia Dept. of Public Health

As part of our older driver task force, Georgia is working to incorporate seatbelt use messaging into all of our safety presentations aimed at aging road users. Our Governor's office of highway safety created, and has sent us some seatbelt campaign materials - not specific to aging road users, but we will use them in our discussions and education sessions with older adults.



Linda Fech, MI Office of Highway Safety Planning

Michigan does not have any programming specifically aimed at older adults to increase safety belt usage. Our seat belt programming is pretty much geared to child passenger safety and then targeted PSAs for young males...because that's what are data indicates.

Dale Gilbert, Maine Office of Public Safety

We established a Senior Driver Coalition and through their expertise, came up with a program called "Are You ABLE". (The "A" standing for Assess your situation, "B" for Build a plan for safe driving, "L" for learn the signs of declining driver ability, and "E" for Elect to drive, limit your driving or safely walk away.) We use this program to address all aspects of driving as well as putting emphasis on wearing a seatbelt. We are currently working on a project that partners us

with Maine General Hospital. They are developing a brochure to be distributed to all health providers across the state to help them, patients, and family members start the conversation about continuing to drive.