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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 291-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           " (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person[+  
4 ~~(1) Shall~~] shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public  
5 highway unless the person is restrained by a seat belt  
6 assembly and all passengers in the front or back seat  
7 of the motor vehicle are restrained by a seat belt  
8 assembly [~~if between the ages of eight and fourteen,~~  
9 or are restrained pursuant to section 291-11.5 if  
10 under eight years of age[+]

11 ~~(2) If fifteen years of age or more shall be a passenger~~  
12 ~~in the front seat of a motor vehicle being operated~~  
13 ~~upon any public highway unless such person is~~  
14 ~~restrained by a seat belt assembly; and~~

15 ~~(3) If between the ages of fifteen and seventeen, shall be~~  
16 ~~a passenger in the back seat of a motor vehicle being~~  
17 ~~operated upon any public highway unless such person is~~  
18 ~~restrained by a seat belt assembly].~~




1 As used in this section:

2 "Restrained" means that the seat belt assembly is worn as  
3 it was designed and intended to be worn.

4 "Seat belt assembly" means the seat belt assembly that is  
5 required to be in the motor vehicle under any federal motor  
6 vehicle safety standard issued pursuant to Public Law 89-563,  
7 the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as  
8 amended, unless original replacement seat belt assemblies are  
9 not readily available. If replacement assemblies are not  
10 readily available, seat belts of federally approved materials  
11 with similar protective characteristics may be used. Such  
12 replacement seat belt assemblies shall be permanently marked by  
13 the belt manufacturer indicating compliance with all applicable  
14 federal standards."

15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

# S.B. NO. 4

**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Seat Belts; Passengers

**Description:**

Requires all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operating upon any public highway.

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*





**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

March 13, 2013  
10:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

**S.B. 4**  
**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) recognizes the need for all motor vehicle occupants to be restrained by a seat belt or child passenger restraint while riding in a motor vehicle being operated on any public roadway.

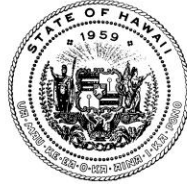
As such, the DOT **supports** SB 4 because it would increase the safety of all motor vehicle occupants by as much as 45 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

NHTSA also states that seat belts are the most effective safety feature ever invented and have saved the lives of thousands of motor vehicle occupants.

In 2011, there were 40 motor vehicle occupant fatalities in Hawaii. Of the 40 motor vehicle occupant fatalities, 14 or 35 percent, were not restrained. If those 14 occupants had been wearing seat belts, at least 6 of them might have survived the crash.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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## House Committee on Transportation

### S.B. 4, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health

Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 10:30 A.M.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports SB4, which requires all motor  
2 vehicle occupants in all seating positions to be restrained in a seat belt assembly, since it is the most  
3 effective form of restraint policy for protecting occupants of motor vehicles.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** In Hawai'i, unrestrained motor vehicle occupants are at greater risk for  
6 fatal or serious injuries in the event of a crash than persons restrained by a seat belt assembly. Recent  
7 crash data from 2007-2010 shows that more than half of the victims in a fatal crash were not wearing  
8 seat belts: 52%, or 100 of the 193 victims. Of the fatally injured victims who were back seat passengers,  
9 75% were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash (9 out of the 12). According to EMS data from  
10 2007-2011, back seat passengers were less likely to be restrained than front seat passengers (78% vs.  
11 90%, respectively), and more likely to be transported with serious or critical injuries (45% vs. 26%,  
12 respectively). In addition, medical charges are 36% higher among unrestrained occupants in comparison  
13 to restrained occupants discharged from the Emergency Department.

14 Hawaii's current law does not require adult passengers to wear seat belts in the back seat. SB4  
15 would increase the practice of using seat belts by back seat passengers of all ages and make enforcement

1 easier, thereby reducing the risk of injury and death in the event of a motor vehicle crash. According to  
2 NHTSA's 2007 National Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety Survey, passengers in the back seat were more  
3 likely to wear a seat belt in the states with restraint laws that covered all seating positions.

4 A universal seat belt law that covers all motor vehicle occupants in all seating positions is the  
5 most effective form of restraint policy (NHTSA, 2011). SB4 is also a policy priority of the Hawai'i  
6 Injury Prevention Plan, 2012-2017, the Hawai'i Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the State Highway  
7 Safety Council. We commend the Legislature for hearing this bill, which has the potential to reduce the  
8 burden of injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 13, 2013

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 4, Relating to Motor Vehicles

I am Kurt Kendro, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

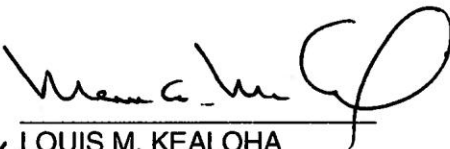
The HPD strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 4, Relating to Motor Vehicles. Passage of this bill would require that all front and back seat passengers be restrained by a seat belt assembly or a child passenger restraint when the motor vehicle is operated on any public highway.

Seat belts save lives and reduce the number of injuries and the costs associated with crashes and collisions. Every person in a motor vehicle should be required to wear a seat belt or a child passenger restraint whenever the vehicle is being operated.


The HPD strongly supports passage of Senate Bill No. 4, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

  
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Chief of Police

Sincerely,

  
KURT KENDRO, Major  
Traffic Division



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March 13, 2013

To: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair –House Committee on Transportation;  
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair; and members of the committee

From: Carol McNamee/Arkie Koehl — Co-chairmen, Public Policy Committee -  
MADD Hawaii

Re: Senate Bill 4 – Relating to Motor Vehicles

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I am Carol McNamee, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii organization of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in strong support of SB 4, relating to Motor Vehicles. This bill requires passengers in all seating positions in a vehicle to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or a child passenger restraint.

The use of seat belts has been a major factor in the reduction of highway fatalities over the past 30 years. MADD understands that being restrained by a seat belt assembly can make the difference in whether a person survives or suffers fatal injuries when involved in a highway crash. Wearing a seat belt is an individual's best defense against death or serious injury in a sudden, violent and destructive crash with a vehicle operated by an alcohol or other drug impaired driver.

Data provided by the Department of Health's Injury Prevention Division shows that a significant percent of back seat passengers are not using a seat belt assembly and therefore have a higher injury and fatality rate than passengers in the front seat of vehicles. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) records reveal that after a crash, back seat passengers are more likely than front seat passengers to be transported to a medical facility with serious or critical injuries (45% vs. 26%, respectively).

The mortality rate among unrestrained occupants (4.5%, or 116 deaths among 2585 occupants) was 7 times higher than the rate for restrained occupants (0.6%, or 97 of 15308). This information illustrates the benefits of having more passengers restrained by making sure back seat passengers will buckle up as often as front seat passengers. At least twenty-four states have laws requiring all passengers over a certain age to be restrained by a seat belt assembly.

To increase the safety of both Hawaii residents and visitors, the time has come to take the logical step of requiring all passengers in a vehicle to be restrained. MADD Hawaii urges the Transportation Committee to pass SB4 to reduce loss of life and serious injury in our state's all too frequent highway crashes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 13, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Yamane and Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Transportation,

Subject: **Support for SB4**

The State Highway Safety Council supports SB4, which would require all occupants, regardless of age to wear a seat belt. Tragically, 75% fatally injured victims who were back seat passengers were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash (9 out of the 12). Enforcement and compliance is easier for states that have a seat belt law that covers all ages and seating positions.

The State Highway Safety Council (SHSC) advises the DOT on matters relating to the programs and activities of the State in the field of highway safety. SHSC members include representatives from public, private, and all four counties.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely,  
Kari Benes  
Co-Chair State Highway Safety Council

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

**SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles**

Testimony of  
Charles M. Hirata  
Safe Community of Maui  
Hi0050@yahoo.com

My name is Charles Hirata and I am currently a member of the Hawaii State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and a retired Maui Police Department Captain. For eleven years I commanded the MPD Traffic Section and in that capacity, I was involved in the investigation of over 250 fatal motor vehicle crashes. I currently teach vehicle occupant protection strategies in Hawaii and the Pacific.

I strongly support SB4 that would require all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operating upon any public highway.

My support for this bill is based on the following:

- Current law requires only front seat occupants and children under the age of 18 to be restrained, however; the laws of physics affect all vehicle occupants.
- Our fatal crash investigations show that people who fail to buckle up in the back seat are often ejected in a severe crash or collide with and injure and even cause death to other vehicle occupants.
- 25 other states and the District of Columbia require all rear seat passengers to buckle up.
- No expense is involved as seatbelts are already standard equipment.
- Newer vehicles are equipped with lap and shoulder belts in all rear seating positions.
- This bill is plain common sense, will save lives, and is in no way a draconian proposal.
- This bill is supported by the State Highway Safety Plan, which is a coalition of highway safety partners.
- Buckling up takes only seconds but can reduce hospital medical costs and save lives.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety also notes that using shoulder belts in the back seat reduces the risk of a fatal injury during a crash by 44% in cars and 73% in vans and SUVs. Unbelted passengers also put others in the car in danger

during an accident and increase the other passengers' rate of injury or death by 40%.

While at a crash scene, I was frequently reminded that highway deaths were preventable deaths. You now have an opportunity to take a giant leap in making our highways safer. In the category unintentional injuries, motor vehicle crashes is the leading cause of death for Hawaii residents from 1999 to 2010.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter and humbly ask that you approve this measure that will reduce injuries and save lives.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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**SB4**

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Testimony for TRN on Mar 13, 2013 10:30AM in Conference Room 309

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Stephanie Brown	Safe Kids Worldwide	Support	No

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Wednesday, March 13, 2013

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Transportation

Dear Chairman Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

Subject: **Support for SB4**

The Injury Prevention Advisory Committee strongly supports SB4. This bill requires all motor vehicle occupants, regardless of age or seating position, to wear a seat belt. Hawaii's current law does not require adult passengers to wear a seat belt if they are seated in the back seat of a motor vehicle. Sadly, 75% fatally injured victims who were back seat passengers were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash (9 out of the 12). According to EMS data from 2007-2011, back seat passengers were less likely to be restrained than front seat passengers (78% vs. 90%, respectively), and more likely to be transported with serious or critical injuries (45% vs. 26%, respectively).

Established in 1990, the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC) is an advocacy group committed to preventing and reducing injuries in Hawai'i. IPAC members include representatives from public and private agencies, physicians and professionals working together to address the eight leading areas of injury, including traffic safety.

Please support this bill, as it will have impact on saving lives and preventing disability.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Sincerely,

Bruce McEwan  
Chair  
Injury Prevention Advisory Committee

**THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawai`i

March 13, 2013  
10:30 a.m.  
State Capital, Room 309

**S.B. 4  
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES**

Chair Ryan I. Yamane, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Transportation, AAA Hawai`i respectfully submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 4, the intent of which is to improve overall traffic safety by requiring motor vehicle occupants in all seating positions to be restrained by a seat belt or child passenger restraint while riding in a motor vehicle.

AAA Hawai`i was founded in 1915 in Honolulu and is a leader in motorist services and a strong advocate for traffic safety. AAA Hawai`i has more than 135,000 members. Service to and the safety of our members, other motorists, and all road users is the founding and continuing purpose of AAA Hawai`i. Research shows that exposure to unbelted occupants in a vehicle increases the risk of injury or death to other occupants in the vehicle by as much as 40%.

It is clear that wearing a seat belt can reduce the chance of death or injury to drivers and passengers when involved in an accident. As a result, many states have enacted primary and secondary seat belt laws and these laws, including Hawaii's current version, are varied in applicability dependent upon age and whether the person is in the front or rear seat.

While seat belt laws vary from the state to state, the impact from having all vehicle occupants restrained by a seat belt is uniform. The number of seriously injured drivers is estimated to decrease by approximately 25% if rear occupants wear a seat belt. Similarly, the number of injured front seat passengers is estimated to decrease by 28% if rear seat occupants wear seat belts. Research shows the impact that wearing a seat belt can have on reducing injuries to not only rear seat passengers but to front seat occupants as well.

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Given the statistical evidence available, S.B. 4 is a vital modification to the existing seat belt law, and will help to reduce deaths and injuries related to traffic crashes. AAA Hawai'i strongly supports and agrees with the objectives of S.B. 4.

By mandating seat belts for all occupants of a motor vehicle, regardless of age, AAA Hawai'i believes this legislation will help to reduce the number of deaths and injuries related to traffic collisions that result when occupants are unbelted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of S.B. 4.

Very truly yours,

*Liane Sumida*

Liane Sumida  
Regional Manager

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

March 13, 2013

Senate Bill 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles

Chair Yamane and members of the House Committee on Transportation, I am Rick Tsujimura, representing State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company (State Farm).

State Farm supports the intent of Senate Bill 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles. Senate Bill 4 requires all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operated upon any public highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair

March 13, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Conference Room 309

**Supporting SB 4: Relating to Motor Vehicles**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 4, which requires all passengers in motor vehicles to be restrained by a seat belt or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operated on a public highway.

Seat belts function to reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a traffic collision by reducing the force of secondary impacts with interior strike hazards, by keeping occupants positioned correctly for maximum effectiveness of an airbag, and by preventing occupants being ejected from the vehicle. Observational studies of car crash morbidity and mortality experiments using crash test dummies indicate that wearing seat belts greatly reduces the risk of death and injury in the majority of car crashes.

All states have laws requiring the use of seat belts, although some laws are limited in their applicability. The requirement for the use of seatbelts by passengers in the back seat is designed to reduce their risk of death and injury. Furthermore, statistics show that unbelted rear passengers increase the risk of belted front seat occupants' death by nearly five times.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB 4.

**To:** COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

**Re.:** Testimony in support of **SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles**  
SSCR 528

**From:** Karen Tessier, PhD, RN

I strongly support SB4 that would require all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operating upon any public highway.

I am a pediatric nurse and a certified child passenger safety technician instructor. I worked in intensive care units for many years and cared for children who were seriously injured in car crashes because they were unrestrained. These children had parents and other family members who were also injured or killed in the crash because they were not wearing seat belts. Many of these injuries and deaths could have been prevented if everyone in the vehicle had been properly restrained.

It is a fact of life that many people will use safety measures not because it is the right thing to do, but because they do not want to receive a traffic citation and fine. Laws and enforcement, reinforced by education and awareness, are proven to be more effective than education alone.

Unrestrained passengers are often ejected from a vehicle during a crash, or are thrown into another passenger, injuring or killing them because of the force generated by the crash. I have lost two close family members from just this kind of situation. They would likely still be alive if they had been properly restrained with a seat belt.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that using lap and shoulder belts in the back seat reduces the risk of a fatal injury during a crash by 44% in cars and 73% in vans and SUVs. Unbelted passengers increase other passengers' rate of injury or death by 40%.

I urge you to pass this bill so that universal seat belt use becomes law in Hawaii. This will pay off in saved lives, reduced injuries, and decreased health care costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles

Testimony of  
Lisa M Dau, RN  
[lisadau@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lisadau@hawaii.rr.com)

My name is Lisa Dau and I am currently a member of the Hawaii State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and a registered nurse at a local hospital. I am also a certified child passenger safety technician instructor and have been for the past 11 years in the state of Hawaii.

I strongly support SB4 that would require all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operating upon any public highway.

My support for this bill is based on the following:

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- 25 other states and the District of Columbia require all rear seat passengers to buckle up.
- There is no hardship to vehicle owners because seatbelts are already installed and newer vehicles are equipped with lap and shoulder belts in all rear seating positions.
- This bill is plain common sense, will save lives, and is in no way a draconian proposal.
- Motor vehicle crashes
- This bill is supported by the State Highway Safety Plan, which is a coalition of highway safety partners.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety also notes that using shoulder belts in the back seat reduces the risk of a fatal injury during a crash by 44% in cars and 73% in vans and SUVs. Unbelted passengers also put others in the car in danger during an accident and increase the other passengers' rate of injury or death by 40%.

Being a nurse I am often reminded how unrestrained occupants in a vehicle can cause serious injury or death to the person and other persons in a vehicle during

a crash. You now have an opportunity to take a step in making our highways safer. In the category unintentional injuries, motor vehicle crashes is the leading cause of death for Hawaii residents from 1999 to 2010.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter and humbly ask that you approve this measure that will reduce injuries and save lives.

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Nicole Lucero	Individual	Support	No

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Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:30am Conference Room 309

To: Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation

From: Eunice Tubera, Graduate Student from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Re: Support for SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles

Dear Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

My name is Eunice Tubera a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I strongly support SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles.

This bill requires all front and back seat passengers to be restrained by a seat belt assembly or child passenger restraint while the motor vehicle is being operating upon any public highway.

I believe seat belt use while a car is in motion is likely to reduce serious car injuries and fatalities. I had a friend who was a back seat passenger in a major car accident and sustained serious injuries but because she was using a seat belt survived and recovered fully from her injuries. Her seat belt use provides her to be alive today.

This is one key reason why I strongly support the passing of SB 4 Relating to Motor Vehicles. Additionally, SB 4 can be able to benefit all passengers in a moving vehicle and the possibility of reducing serious injuries and saving lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**SB4**

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### **SB4**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shelly Waiolama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am also a Car seat technician and just wanted to support this as I also have seen many BAD things happen when car seats are not used or used improperly.

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