The Invention of Seat Belts

Imagine not being able to buckle up in a car. Driving on the interstate, it’s 10:30 at night and you’re on your way home. A semi-truck is coming up fast to the rear of your car, all of a sudden you see something in the middle of the road. You swerve to dodge it. You can’t get control of the car and you end up spinning out. Once the car stops, it’s too late. You look up and see headlights heading towards you, then everything goes black. Being seat belted is always the best option, you will learn why that is, the consequences of not being seat belted, and what the world would be without seat belts.

In 1959, inventor Nils Bohlin created the three-point seat belt. Before Bohlin created his version of the seat belt there was the two-point seat belt. It only went around the waist. The two-point seat belt is still found in many cars. Nils version goes across the chest and wraps around the waist. This seat belt is found in mainly all cars. The reason for Bohlin to create the three-point seat belt was because a relative of the Volvo CEO, Gunnar Englau, had died in a car crash that could’ve saved him if he was wearing a seat belt. Seat belts have saved more than 11,000 lives each year, bringing the amount of deaths to half of what it was before seat belts were invented. In the U.S.A, they have made a law for drivers and passengers to wear a seat belt. If a driver or passenger were not wearing a seat belt at the time an officer pulled their car over, the officer can issue a ticket for the citizens’ safety.

I find the seat belt a very important invention. Although many drivers and passengers do not like wearing seat belts, it does so much good for everyone. It keeps the passengers and drivers safe, as well as their fellow drivers. Seat belts decrease the deaths in car crashes every year. An injury from not
wearing a seat belt can cause years of hospital bills, pain and a bad memory of the incident could be avoided if a seat belt is worn. Avoid the regret and wear a seat belt.

Without seat belts drivers and passengers could be affected fatally. More people would be ejected out the car or seat. Death rates from car crashes would be sky high and the streets would be a danger zone. People in the car could collide with each other and objects causing major injuries. Car and life insurance would increase in cost because of injuries and crashes. Statistics say the not wearing a seat belt in a crash anyone in the car has twice as likely not to survive.

Now knowing why the seat belt is important, the consequences, and what the world would be like without it, I want you to imagine this. A teenage girl is texting and driving, not paying attention to the road going 50mph. A mother of two has her children in the back. As she is looking for the child’s toy, the teenage girl swerves into the mother’s lane and the cars make contact. With seat belts there would be more of a chance for the mother of two and the teenage girl to survive. Without seat belts the young girl could fly out the windshield, the mother could hit her head on the steering wheel and the children could go flying into each other or in the seats in front of them. Next time you get into a car, think about the consequences and buckle up. It’s always a beautiful day to save lives.
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