

New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

42.3 Seat Belts

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 42.3 **The agency has a written directive requiring the use of occupant safety restraining devices in agency vehicles.**

Commentary: *The use of safety belts has a significant effect in reducing injuries resulting from traffic crashes and in assisting officers to maintain proper control of their vehicles in emergency high-speed operations.*

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Observation of personnel operating agency vehicle(s) may verify compliance with the directive.
3. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify their understanding of and compliance with this directive.