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BUT I WASN'T WEARING MY SEAT BELT!

We've all done it from time to time. Taken that short trip to the corner store and not bothered to buckle up. We know that it is against the law and that if the police stop us, we may get a ticket for our indiscretion.

But what happens when another motorist injures you when you are not buckled in? Worse yet, you're pretty sure that your arm was broken when you were thrown forward into the dash.

You're also concerned that ICBC will try and argue that your claim should be reduced because you were not wearing your seatbelt. Will the Judge *automatically reduce* your claim for injuries because you didn't wear a seatbelt?

No!!

The court will only reduce your claim if ICBC can prove to the Judge that your over all condition was made worse because you had not buckled up. If ICBC does not convince the Judge that this is the case, you will be awarded full compensation for your loss.*



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