



# Helping Make Life Safer for Kids

TELLING THE STORY OF SAFETY IN MINNESOTA

1920

- **1921** First school patrol from Cathedral School at Summit Hill and Kellogg.
- **1927** Maximum speed limit set at 35 mph, ahead of many states. (In 1934, 22 states still had "reasonable and proper" as the only top speed restriction.)



1930

- **1931** "Uniform Plan for Operation of School Patrols in Minnesota" published and distributed by the Minnesota Department of Highways.
- **1934** More than 160 schools in Minnesota have school patrols; by **1936**, more than 300 have them.
- **1934** Minnesota enacts first drivers' license law.
- **1937** Traffic code revised limiting speed zones to 30 mph in residential areas, 45 mph in business, and 60 mph in less populated areas.
- **1937** Traffic code gives pedestrians the right of way, subject to traffic control signals and at crosswalks.



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- **1943** Renewable driver's licenses and fee for license enacted.
- **1945** Small boat inspection bill passed.
- **1948** New drivers required to pass written, vision, behind the wheel tests.
- **1949** Less than 50 percent of high schools in the state offer drivers' education. By **1956**, 86 percent of all public secondary schools offer the course.



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- **1967** Legal blood alcohol content (BAC) levels lowered from .15 to .10.
- **1967** Amendment proposed to the state drivers' test to include a vision test.
- **1971** All recreational boats required to carry certain safety equipment.



1980

- **1982** First child passenger vehicle restraint law passed.
- **1984** Minnesota passes seat belt law, making not wearing a seat belt a "secondary" offense.
- **1988** One of the first state Safe Kids coalitions is formed in Minnesota.



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- **1991** Safety Camp invented in Minnesota as the brainchild of Eden Prairie Police Department.
- **1993** Garage door safety (state and federal) legislation set entrapment protection requirements for all automatic residential garage door openers.
- **1998** Graduated licensing requirements for young novice drivers.
- **1999** Drivers required to stop at least 20 feet from a school bus displaying flashing lights and stop arm.



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- **2003** Residential smoke alarms required to be installed in and near each sleeping room. By **2007**, smoke alarms also required in all hallways leading to exits and on each floor.
- **2005** New law requires a life jacket to be worn by children under 10 years of age.
- **2007** Laela's Law passed establishing rules requiring devices to prevent children from falling through windows.
- **2007-2009** All single family and multifamily homes required to have a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm installed within 10 feet of each bedroom.
- **2008** Abigail Taylor Pool Safety Act passed regulating the installation of anti-entrapment drain covers in public pools.
- **2009** Primary seat belt legislation passed.
- **2009** Enhanced child passenger safety legislation passed requiring children be either 8 years old or 4-foot-9 before they are able to sit in a seatbelt alone.



2010

- **2011** Concussion law requiring coach training and safe return-to-play policies for athletes who sustain a concussion.
- **2015** Liquid nicotine must be sold in child-resistant packaging.
- **2016** Legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar — Stop Tip-overs of Unstable, Risky Dressers on Youth (STURDY) Act — to help protect children from tipping furniture.

