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# Getting the Covid-19 Vaccine is like wearing a seat belt

## ***Do seatbelts prevent you from danger?***

No, wearing a seatbelt does not prevent an accident. In the same way, getting vaccinated does not prevent you from getting infected.



## ***If you get into a car accident, does wearing a seatbelt reduce severity?***



Yes, if you get in an accident, your seatbelt will decrease the chances of severe injury. Similarly, the COVID-19 vaccine protects you from experiencing more severe symptoms of the virus.

## ***Does wearing a seatbelt mean you should drive recklessly?***

No, when you are wearing a seatbelt, you still follow safety precautions to decrease the chances of getting in an accident. Getting vaccinated does not mean that you should stop wearing a mask and social distancing.

## ***Does wearing a seatbelt mean you won't injure others?***

No, when you get in a car accident, others can be affected as well. Sometimes an accident can affect the other person more severely than it affected you. Even after receiving the vaccine, you can still infect others – and others may be affected more severely by the virus than you.

## ***Can you have seatbelt marks when you get in an accident?***

Yes, seatbelt injuries are possible. The COVID-19 vaccine may have initial minimal side effects while your body uses the vaccine to build immunity to the virus.

## ***Should you still wear a seatbelt?***

Yes, you should always wear a seatbelt to protect yourself. In the same way, get vaccinated to protect yourself and others!

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