

Safety Equipment:

The Utah Crash Report Form has two elements regarding safety equipment use which applies to all vehicle occupants, including motorcycle operators and passengers, as well as all non-motorists.

The first element, *Safety Equipment Used*, refers to the type of safety equipment which was in use at the time of the crash. This element **does not** refer to what type of safety equipment was installed in the vehicle, or what the person should have been wearing or using, but what was **actually in use** by each person.

The second element, *Used Properly/Improper Use*, refers to whether the safety equipment **in use** was used according to the manufacturer's recommendations. This element should not apply if the person was **not using** any type of safety equipment. (The state validations require the value to be "NA" for "Not Applicable" if an officer indicates no safety equipment was being used.

Selected definitions:

Lap and shoulder belt: vehicle occupant was using both a lap and shoulder belt, or either the lap or shoulder belt portion of a combination assembly.

Example: A driver or passenger is using a lap and shoulder belt combination but has the shoulder belt portion either under their arm or behind their back. This person is using a lap and shoulder belt, but is using it improperly.

Lap belt only and shoulder belt only apply to seating positions where only a lap belt is installed or where the lap and shoulder belt are installed and used independent of one another.

Helmet: motorcycle rider or non-motorist is wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. If the motorcycle rider or non-motorist is wearing a helmet and other safety equipment, such as pads or a reflective vest, then select "Helmet and other."

Example: Motorcycle rider is wearing a helmet and a reflective vest. During the crash the helmet comes off the rider. The safety equipment used would still be "Helmet and other."

Other*: used when the person was utilizing, properly or not, a type of safety equipment not specifically listed.

Example: A jogger is wearing reflective clothing, or a motorcycle rider is wearing a reflective vest but no helmet.

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