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Arc Gloucester	William Marker	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	We follow the state law that requires all passengers to be seatbelted in. Passengers who are unable to fasten a seatbelt are belted in by staff or aide. The operator of the vehicle is responsible to make sure the belts are on.
Arc of Monmouth	Liz Glavey - Transportation Coordinator	Yes	Door to Door	Outside Contract	All contracted vehicles must provide seatbelts for our participants at all times.
ATC/Connex Union County	Gary	No	Curb to Curb	In-House	Every agency should have one. This will not conflict with the ADA. Should be referred to as the following: All seatbelt devices where provided must be used by passengers at all times while on board the vehicle. This covers lap belts, shoulder harnesses, and all mobility securement devices. Its agency policy and does not discriminate against anyone
ATLANTIC COUNTY	CARL LINDOW	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY BOTH DRIVER AND PASSENGERS
Camden	Donna Kovalevich & Diane M. Zane-Stephens	Yes	Door to Door	Both Inhouse and Outside Contract	(1) All passengers are required to wear a seat belt (and shoulder harness) during transit. There are no exceptions. Failure to wear a belt or refusal leads to suspension/denial of service. (2) All passengers and driving staff are required to wear the seatbelt when in our vehicles. This includes the passengers in the wc positions. Drivers are to call into dispatch if there is a problem. Drivers are given a written warning then a day without pay. Passengers are suspended from service for set periods of time.
Cape May/Fare Free Transportation	Kathleen Belles	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	All riders must wear a seatbelt at all times. The only exception to this is if the rider can produce a medical clearance from their physician that states they cannot because of medical reasons.

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Cheshire Home	Mandy Hecht	Yes	Door to Door	Outside Contract	No one get's on any of our vehicles unless they have seatbelt on from their wheelchair and , chest strap if necessary. Once they are secured they must wear shoulderbelt and seatbelt for securement. If they don't, we refuse to transport them.
City of Clifton	Carol Yurga	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	If the bus has seat belts they must be used by every one on the bus. Front seat passengers in the car must wear seat belts. Back seat passengers are not obligated to put them on at this time.
City of New Brunswick Dial-A-Ride	Hope Vega	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	Client must have seatbelt on before bus departs, driver will NOT transport if the client refuses.
County of Burlington	Julia C. Gandy	Yes	Curb to Curb	Outside Contract	BCTS vehicles require passengers to use seatbelts.
Cumberland Area Transit System	Theresa L. VanSant and Misono Miller	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	"Buckle Up It's the Law" is posted on all CATS vehicles. If a client refuses to wear the seatbelt, driver notes this on their schedule so there is no liability to the driver. Passengers are to use seatbelts. Drivers are to check that belts are secured prior to proceeding on trip. If a passenger refuses to use the belt, the driver is to so note on their daily log
Fort lee Parking Auth. Bergen Co.	Steven Monetti	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	Seat must be worn while bus is running
Greater Somerset County American Red Cross	Connie Donato, Transportation Coord.	Yes	Door to Door	Outside Contract	All passengers are required to use seat belts; most clients sit in the front seat, but even those in the back seat must use the restraints.
Hudson County Transcend	John Stanik	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	All passengers are required to wear seat belts in compliance with state law

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Hunterdon County	Penny Males	No	Curb to Curb	Outside Contract	However, signs are posted in all vehicles to secure seatbelts, and drivers ask all passengers to put their seat belts on. All agency passengers are required to wear their seatbelts at the request of agency staff.
Ladacin Network	Greg Greer	Yes	Door to Door	Outside Contract	Mostly 4 point tiedown systems for wheelchairs. Ambulatory must use seat belt.
Mercer County TRADE	Marty DeNero	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	TRADE requires that passengers use seat belts and TRADE staff will assist passengers with securing the belt if necessary. The requirement is listed as a passenger responsibility in the TRADE brochure. If passengers refuse use, they can be suspended for disruptive behavior after notice, though this has not been necessary.
Metro Transport at Daughters of Israel	Rina Lubliner	No	Door to Door	Outside Contract	
Middlesex County DOT	steve fittante	Yes	to Curb except food sho	In-House	Passengers are required to use a seatbelt in any seat where one is available.
MIDDLESEX/NORTH BRUNSWICK TWSHP	BOB HERMES	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN IN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES. IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED THE DRIVER WILL HELP YOU.
Monmouth	Henry Nicholson	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	Requires passengers to use seatbelts and for drivers to remind passengers. Signs posted on the vehicle. Policy does not include what are the results if the passenger doesn't comply.

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NJ TRANSIT Access Link	Al Dominguez, Manager	Yes	Curb to Curb	Outside Contract	Public Policy: Passengers are required to wear seatbelts while riding on Access Link vehicles. Exceptions Shoulder belt for customers riding on mobility devices are recommended but optional. Internal Policy: if a customer rides on a mobility device while in para-vehicle, and does not want to use the vehicle seatbelt, but rely on the seatbelt of their mobility device, a written request must be sent to the agency. They agency may waive the requirement to wear a seatbelt as long as they are wearing a mobility device seatbelt.
Ocean County / Ocean Ride	Richard A. Pinho	Yes	Door to Door	In-House	All seat belt restraints must be worn at all times, if available on the vehicle. Car seats are to be installed by a NJ State Police certified installer.
Passaic County Para-Transit System	Edward Lipiner, Planning Director	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	Seat belts must be worn by everyone at all times
Passaic/Father English Community Center	Michael Drakeford	Yes	Curb to Curb	Outside Contract	Any client who uses the service must buckle up or we will not transport them.
Salem	S. Hinchman	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	Everyone must wear a seatbelt. If belts are not fastened bus does not move
Somerset County	Yvonne Manfra and John Adair	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	All passengers on paratransit service must wear seatbelts, the public transit routes being performed for NJT and under DOT mass transit regs require driver only. We require all passengers to wear seatbelts. Drivers will assist passengers who require assistance. We also have seat belt extenders available where needed.
Township of Mahwah	Dolores Raiz	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	All riders must put on their seat belts before the van proceeds. If a person is unable to manage the belt, the driver locks it for the rider. No belts are to be unlocked until the van is at a stop

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Union County Paratransit	Kathy Carmello	Yes	Curb to Curb	In-House	We have signs posted in all vehicles saying; "Please fasten your seatbelt". In our user's guide we say "Seat belts must be worn at all times". Driver's are instructed to check that all passengers are wearing their seatbelts before moving the vehicle.
Warren County	JanMarie McDyer	Yes	Curb to Curb	Outside Contract	If the passenger refuses to wear a seatbelt (less the agency has documentation on file stating there is a medical reason the passenger can not wear one) the trip is denied. Future trips may be cancelled
Warren/ Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc.	Dick Lowe	Yes	Door to Door	Outside Contract	All passengers must be belted