

## SEAT BELT SAFETY

Each seat in the vehicle will have a dedicated seat belt. Each seat belt is designed for an individual seat occupant, aged older than 12 years, or with a body mass greater than 80 lb (36 kg). Occupants with a lower age, or a lower body mass, should use an appropriate child restraint. See **38, CHILD SEAT POSITIONING**.

The front row seat belts are equipped with a load limiter. This will help to regulate the over tension of a seat belt in a severe impact, to help reduce the possibility of injury to the occupant.

### WARNING

A seat belt should be replaced if the webbing becomes frayed, contaminated or damaged.

### WARNING

It is essential to replace the entire assembly after it has been worn in a severe impact even if damage to the assembly is not obvious.

### WARNING

If any damage, wear, cuts, defects, or impaired operation are noted with the seat belts, the vehicle should be taken to a Retailer/Authorized Repairer for immediate attention. Do not use the vehicle if the seat belts cannot be operated correctly.

### WARNING

Seat belts should be inspected or replaced by qualified personnel only. All replacement parts should be, at least, the same specification as the vehicle's original equipment. If in doubt, consult a Retailer/Authorized Repairer.

### WARNING

Do not attempt to service, repair, replace, modify, or tamper with, any part of the vehicle's seat belts, doing so may render the seat belts as ineffective.

### WARNING

Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the webbing with polishes, oils and chemicals, and particularly battery acid. Cleaning may safely be carried out using mild soap and water. Contaminated seat belts may not operate correctly in an impact and cannot be relied upon.

### WARNING

When using seat belts to restrain items other than occupants, make sure the belts are not damaged, or exposed to sharp edges.

### WARNING

Do not carry hard, fragile, or sharp items between your person and the seat belt. In an impact, the pressure on such items can cause them to break, which in turn may cause death or serious injury.

## SEAT BELT CHECKS

**Note:** *If the vehicle is parked on an incline, the seat belt mechanism may lock. This is a safety feature and the belt should be gently eased out from the upper anchorage.*

The seat belts should be inspected regularly to check for fraying, cuts or wear to the webbing and the condition and security of the mechanism, buckles, adjusters and mounting points.