**POLICY**

It is the policy of the Upstate Carolina NCORP (UC-NCORP) for each UC-NCORP member to wear a seat belt as a driver or passenger in a motor vehicle during UC-NCORP sponsored related activity.

**DEFINITIONS**

Seat Belt: a belt or strap securing a person to prevent injury, especially in a vehicle or aircraft.

**GUIDELINES**

*4.1.28 Seat Belt Use*

*Pursuant to EO 13043 (April 16, 1997), Increasing the Use of Seat Belts in the United States, NIH encourages recipients to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating vehicles, whether organizationally owned or rented or personally owned.*

The use of seat belts is required by the State of South Carolina, per the Seat Belt Law S. 120

**PROCEDURE**

* The use of seat belts is required for UC-NCORP members and staff who are operating a vehicle or as a passenger, whether rented or personally owned while on UC-NCORP related activities.

**REFERENCES:** South Carolina Seat Bell Law, <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/120.htm>, NIH Grant Policy Statement, December 2020

**ASSOCIATED FORMS:**

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