



The Seatbelt Convincer

The **Seatbelt Convincer** was developed to illustrate the beneficial use of seatbelts even when involved in a low-speed collision. The Convincer simulates a low-impact crash and the benefit of seatbelts. The participant/passenger is restrained and sits in a carriage at the top of a slide. The slide is released, allowing gravity to pull the carriage forward, eventually reaching a speed of at least 5 miles per hour before colliding with bumpers at the front of the system. The Convincer allows riders to experience the force generated in a low-speed collision.



SIDNE (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience)

SIDNE is a battery-powered go-cart that simulates the effects of impairment on driving skills. The simulator operates in two modes, Normal and Impaired. In Normal Mode, the simulator's steering, braking, and acceleration respond appropriately. In Impaired Mode, SIDNE reacts with delayed steering, braking, and acceleration, similar to how a driver would react if driving while impaired. Participants drive the simulator around a pre-determined course first in Normal Mode and then in Impaired Mode to gain awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

Special Considerations and Restrictions

Do **NOT** ride the Convincer or SIDNE if you:

Have any heart condition ■ Have any head, neck, leg, spine, or back problem ■ Have had any recent surgery or long-term illness ■ Have any physical injury or problem known to you that will or may be affected by participation ■ Have any history of a heart condition ■ Have high blood pressure ■ Have a hernia ■ Have ever been treated for cancer ■ Are pregnant or think you might be pregnant ■ Are recovering from any recent injury, illness, surgery, or medical procedure.

STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

In consideration for the offer and permission by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) to participate in a demonstration of and to ride in or upon the Convincer or SIDNE, the undersigned voluntarily assumes all risks in connection with such participation. As further consideration for such participation, the undersigned hereby exempts, releases, and discharges MDOT and the Mississippi Transportation Commission, their owners, directors, officers, trustees, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, costs, damages, expenses, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss, or injury to the person or property of the undersigned or the undersigned's child or ward caused either directly or indirectly or arising in any way out of participation in or through the use or operation of the Convincer.

I certify that I have carefully read this document, that I fully understand its terms and conditions, and that I have signed it voluntarily and willingly. **THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.**

I acknowledge and understand that the **Convincer** simulates a motor vehicle collision by means of a static impact and I further acknowledge that I have been advised that when riding in or upon the Convincer, the participant:

Should not have any objects in his/her pockets ■ Should not be wearing eyeglasses ■ Should keep his/her mouth closed and head back against the seat and be facing forward during the entire demonstration ■ Is at least 18 years of age or have the permission of a parent or a guardian to participate ■ and Is of sufficient height and weight as determined herein for proper adjustment of the seatbelt.

I acknowledge and understand that **SIDNE** simulates the effects of impairment on driving skills and I further acknowledge that I have been advised that when riding in or upon SIDNE, the participant:

Is at least 18 years of age or have the permission of a parent or guardian to participate, and ■ Is of sufficient height and weight as determined herein for proper adjustment of the seatbelt

I hereby represent to MDOT that I do comply or will comply with the above-referenced Special Considerations and Restrictions and with all requirements for participation that are presented herein. I further represent that my child/ward complies or will comply with the above-referenced Special Considerations and Restrictions and with all requirements for participation that are presented herein.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in a demonstration of the Convincer and/or SIDNE, sponsored by MDOT. I understand that participation is a voluntary opportunity for my child/ward to gain instruction and awareness of the responsibilities of driving safely. I hereby acknowledge and agree that such participation has inherent risks which may range in levels of severity from physical injury to emotional trauma.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I (or my child/ward) have (has) no physical ailment or physical condition (see Special Considerations and Restrictions) that could either be further aggravated or be adversely affected by riding the Seatbelt Convincer or SIDNE.

I acknowledge that the participant is riding the Seatbelt Convincer and/or SIDNE of my/his/her own free will, assumes the risk of any injuries to my/his/her person or property that may be sustained from this ride, and will not hold MDOT or the Mississippi Transportation Commission, or their agents and employees, liable or permit anyone or any entity to bring action on my/his/her behalf for any injury or damage caused by the Seatbelt Convincer and/or SIDNE.

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

I hereby grant the Mississippi Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) and the Mississippi Transportation Commission (“MTC”) the absolute right and permission to use my photograph and/or photographic image, my likeness in a photograph, and/or any digital or other reproduction thereof regarding my participation or presence in or at a Convincer or SIDNE event or an event demonstrating the Convincer or SIDNE (“photograph(s)”) in any and all of its publications and promotions and for any of its official purposes, including use in print, electronic media, and Internet, Intranet, and website entries (“materials”), without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity.

I understand and agree that the photograph(s) and the materials will be the property of the MTC and will not be returned and that the MTC will own the copyright thereto with full right of lawful disposition in any manner.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the MTC to modify, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, and/or distribute the photograph(s) and the materials for purposes of publicizing MDOT and MTC programs and for any other lawful purposes. I waive the right to inspect or approve any finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein the photograph(s) or my likeness appears. I waive any right to royalties or any other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph(s) and/or the materials.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the MDOT and the MTC, and their directors, officers, trustees, employees, agents, and designees, from any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, and causes of action whatsoever which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization and release including, but not limited to, any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said photograph(s) or production or use of the materials or in any subsequent processing or publication thereof.

I hereby certify that I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and significance of this release.

I hereby elect to participate in and/or grant permission for my child/ward to participate in the following simulator(s):

Please initial:

Convincer _____ - Participant must weigh at least 80 pounds, and must be at least 4’9” tall.

SIDNE _____ - Participant must weigh at least 80 pounds, and must be at least 4’9” tall.

Participant Name: (printed) _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18,

or Guardian of Ward: _____