

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Mizzou Head Football Coach Gary Pinkel is lending his name and notoriety to encourage motorists to buckle up. Pinkel appears in a new public service announcement sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. The spot likens being in a car crash without a seat belt to taking a hit from an MU football player . . . if he was 64-feet tall. Pinkel reminds viewers that a seat belt is their best defense in a crash. You can catch the PSA on the big screen at home football games or on YouTube.

The smooth handling of the January closing of Interstate 64 in St. Louis has earned national recognition. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has given the Presidents' Award for Quality to the I-64 team. Team members are MoDOT, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Metro, Gateway Constructors and St. Louis City and County.

And, this is the time of year deer are on the move, so remember to be alert and wear your seat belt.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.