

Table 5 Citizens' reported reasons for using and not using vehicle seat-belts in the interview study (*n* = 604)

Variable	No.	%
<i>Reasons for wearing seat-belt</i>		
Avoiding fines and penalties	379	62.7
Fear of injury	329	54.4
Respecting law	299	49.5
Importance of health	245	40.5
Awareness of severity of injury	184	30.4
Effectiveness of seat-belt	87	14.4
Seat-belt wearing is a sensible practice	82	13.5
<i>Reasons for not wearing seat-belt</i>		
Lack of awareness of risks	311	51.4
Lack of awareness of regulations	244	40.4
Not in the habit of wearing seat-belt	244	40.4
It is uncomfortable and restricts movement	183	30.3
Embarrassment	164	27.1
Vehicle is not equipped with standard safety-belts	113	18.7
It takes too much time to fasten	70	11.5

Participants could choose more than 1 option.