of an accident, they could be crushed between the vehicle occupant and seat belt.

- objects are never secured with a seat belt if the seat belt is also being used by one of the vehicle's occupants
Also ensure that there are never objects between a person and the seat, e.g. cushions.
Seat belts are only intended to secure and restrain vehicle occupants. Always observe the "Loading guidelines" for securing objects, luggage or loads ( $\triangleright$ page 208).


## Fastening seat belts

Observe the safety notes on the seat belt ( $\triangleright$ page 40) and the notes on correct use of seat belts ( $\triangleright$ page 41 ).


Basic illustration

- Adjust the seat ( $\triangleright$ page 77). The seat backrest must be in an almost upright position.
- Pull the seat belt smoothly out of seat belt guide (3) and engage belt tongue (2) into belt buckle (1).
The seat belt on the driver's seat and the front-passenger seat may be tightened automatically, see "Belt adjustment" ( $\triangleright$ page 42).
- If necessary, pull up on the shoulder section of the seat belt to tighten the belt across your body.
In order to attach the child restraint system securely in the vehicle, the seat belt on the frontpassenger seat is equipped with a special seat
belt retractor. Further information on the "Special seat belt retractor" ( $\triangleright$ page 53).


## Releasing seat belts

! Make sure that the seat belt is fully rolled up. Otherwise, the seat belt or belt tongue will be trapped in the door or in the seat mechanism. This could damage the door, the door trim panel and the seat belt. Damaged seat belts can no longer fulfill their protective function and must be replaced. Visit a qualified specialist workshop.

- Press the release button in the belt buckle, hold the belt tongue firmly and guide the belt back.


## Seat belt adjustment

The seat-belt adjustment is an integral part of the PRE-SAFE ${ }^{\circledR}$ convenience function. This function adjusts the driver's and front-passenger seat belt to the upper body of the vehicle occupants.
The belt strap is tightened slightly when:

- the belt tongue is engaged in the buckle and
- the ignition is switched on

The seat-belt adjustment will apply a certain retraction force if any slack is detected between the vehicle occupant and the seat belt. Do not hold on to the seat belt tightly while it is adjusting.
You can activate and deactivate the seat-belt adjustment function using the multimedia system. Information on activating and deactivating the seat-belt adjustment function can be found in the Digital Operator's Manual.

## Belt warning for the driver and front passenger

The 忩 seat belt warning lamp in the instrument cluster is a reminder that all vehicle occupants must wear their seat belts. It may light up continuously or flash. In addition, there may be a warning tone.
Regardless of whether the driver's seat belt has already been fastened, the $\%$ seat belt warning lamp lights up for six seconds each time the engine is started. If the doors are closed and the driver's or front-passenger seat belt has not been fastened, the $\%$ seat belt warning lamp lights up again after the six seconds. As soon as

