



ROAD MATTERS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION THAT CREATES RESPONSIBLE ROAD USERS AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

THIS MONTH: DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH



Distracted driving is one of the "Fatal 5" factors on our roads. Driver distractions come in many forms, and while a mobile phone is the one that many people think of, did you know that a driver can also be distracted by music, conversations with other passengers, eating or drinking, or even adjusting the air-conditioning?

In fact, any action that takes your focus from the act of driving, is considered a distraction, and any thing that takes your focus away from the road can mean the difference between reacting to a hazard, or being in a crash.

This month we draw your attention to driver distractions, and provide you with some simple ways to help prevent you from becoming a distracted driver, and provide you with some skills that will help get you home safe. Find out more about Distracted Driving Awareness Month on our socials (just don't do it whilst driving).



EASTER LONG WEEKEND

The Easter Long Weekend was an anticipated break for many Australians hoping to enjoy some time with family and friends. However, it was reported that during the four-day long weekend, 17 Australians lost their lives on our roads.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to all people affected by road trauma, and we remind everyone that we all have the responsibility of being safe road users.

MONTHLY ROAD FACT

DID YOU KNOW?



According to a recent Monash University study, you are 110% more likely to veer from your lane when you're shuffling through songs on your device.



LAW UPDATES

Offensive Advertising to be Banned on Vehicles in WA



The Department of Transport now have the power to cancel or refuse vehicle licence applications for vehicles that promote offensive advertising, this could include banning any material that is deemed explicit, discriminatory or offensive.

If the Department deems the advertising to be degrading, obscene or insensitive they may cancel vehicle registrations or suspend drivers licences.



Drug Drivers Face Immediate Loss of Licence in SA Under New Laws

South Australia Police (SAPOL) now have the power to issue an Immediate Loss of Licence (ILOL) to drivers who test positive for prescription medication that contains THC, methylamphetamine, MDMA or a combination of these drugs.

The new laws which came into effect in February this year, state that drivers found driving recklessly or dangerously can also be issued an ILOL. The maximum fine for first-time offenders involving excessive speed and reckless or dangerous driving has also been increased to \$5,000. Motorists found driving while suspended or disqualified and repeat offenders may also face increased jail time.

TRAFFIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ONE-DAY \$170 REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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DRIVE IT HOME

WHS PROGRAM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DRIVERS

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SILENT DOES NOT MEAN SAFE!

ROAD TIP OF THE MONTH

Many of us hop into the car, and switch the phone to "silent mode". While the good intention is there, it's not always easy to ignore the BZZ BZZ BZZ of the vibration alert. Next time, try turning on "Do Not Disturb" or "Driving Mode" to automatically send an SMS to your friends and family letting them know that you're driving.

Check us out elsewhere...



BLOGS

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- [Dooring and Dutch Reach Explained](#)
- [Now I Know My BACs](#)



VIDEOS

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MAY KEY DATES:

- 14th:** Mother's Day
- 14th:** National Road Safety Week
- 19th:** Walk Safely to School Day
- 26th:** Fatality Free Friday

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