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RACT's tips for a safe school drop-off

As students start to return to school, the RACT is asking the community to stay safe on our roads and set a good example for the younger generation.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey said the first day of school is one of the busiest days on our roads.

"Therefore, extra caution is needed, especially around school zones with extra vigilance to slow down to 40km an hour.

"Parents, siblings, drivers and the schools all need to play their part to monitor and educate children on road safety.

"Children are vulnerable road users, and with more traffic and more transport options, teaching the future generation of drivers about the importance of being safe near the road is more crucial now than ever before.

"Of course, it all begins at home and parents need to understand that they can pass on their bad habits to their children.

"The Government also has a massive role to play. We know that young Tasmanians, both behind the wheel and as pedestrians, are overrepresented in crash and fatality statistics, so it's clear more needs to be done.

"RACT want work with the Government, educators, and other groups to target relevant age groups with the appropriate messages ahead of the school year and into 2022."

"RACT offer education tools to primary school kids to help them develop road safety skills along with programs for those in high school to year 12 that cover getting a licence, learning to drive and key road safety precautions.

RACT's key tips for teaching children to be safe road users includes talking about road safety whenever you're near a busy traffic area, safely crossing the road and using car restraints.

