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Road safety more important than ever this Easter

With Tasmania on a trajectory to eclipse last year's devastating road trauma, RACT is calling on Tasmanians to take extra care this Easter long weekend.

RACT Group Chief Executive Officer Mark Mugnaioni emphasised the importance of being vigilant, patient, and safe on the roads with many families planning to travel and spend quality time with loved ones.

"We know the roads can be busy across the Easter long weekend and we encourage all drivers to be vigilant and allow extra time for their trips knowing that others will be in the same rush," Mr Mugnaioni said.

It comes after a devastating year on our roads in 2022, where 51 people died and 263 people were seriously injured on Tasmania's roads.

"While we're only a quarter of the way through the year, unfortunately it looks as though Tasmania's road trauma will eclipse what we experienced in 2022."

"Easter, like any holiday should be a period for enjoying time with family and friends, not mourning their loss or injury in a motor vehicle crash."

"The most critical thing drivers can do to be safe is to avoid the fatal five while on our roads – speed, inattention, seatbelts, fatigue, and drink/drug driving."

With many Tasmanians planning to be on the road this long weekend, RACT has compiled a list of top vehicle safety checks to consider before hitting the road. These are:

- Check your oil and coolant
- Check your brakes
- Check your lights
- Check your tyre tread
- Check your tyre pressure
- Check your caravan or trailer lights, tyres and wheel bearings
- Check your windscreen washer level