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Tasmanian drivers urged to choose safety over speed

As the Australian Day long weekend approaches and with school holidays in full swing, RACT is urging Tasmanian drivers to prioritise safety and slowing down before travelling on the state's roads.

RACT Head of Roadside Service Delivery Josh Dobie said there was a heightened risk when travelling by car or towing a boat or caravan during increased traffic on the state's roads.

"We're urging all Tasmanians to practice safety over speed and asking them to prioritise careful planning and adherence to road safety guidelines, especially during the summer holiday season," Mr Dobie said.

"We all want to reach our destination quickly, but safety should never be compromised.

"If you're towing a caravan or boat, don't overload it and make sure any weight you do add is evenly distributed across the axle.

"Understand your vehicle's braked towing capacity and your payload, your vehicle will have a braked towing capacity limit, and your caravan will have a limit on its aggregate trailer mass.

Mr Dobie said by following these road trip tips, the public could improve safety on Tasmanian roads:

Plan your route:

Prioritise safety over speed; the quickest route may not be the safest.

Check your vehicles:

Check the oil, coolant fluid, battery, lights & tyre pressure.

Drive to the conditions:

Be vigilant on winding roads and when there are changing weather conditions.

Exercise extra caution on hidden bends with limited visibility.

Break it up:

Schedule regular breaks to combat fatigue and stretch your legs.

Avoid driving for more than two hours continuously; prioritise rest for safety.

Go slow:

Practice patience, courtesy, and adherence to speed limits.

Adhere to speed limits and prioritise safety over speed to ensure a secure journey.

"By embracing these safety measures, drivers can significantly enhance their safety and that of others on the road."

For further caravan towing and road safety tips, head to the ract.com.au website.

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