

Media release
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Road safety is everyone's responsibility this Easter

With Easter and ANZAC Day just a week apart and school holidays in full swing, RACT is urging all Tasmanians to take extra care on the roads.

RACT Head of Advocacy, Mel Percival, said busier roads brought a heightened risk of crashes.

The number of people who have died on our roads is almost double the same time last year, leaving no room for complacency.

"Deaths and serious injuries occurring on our roads are not inevitable, many are the result of the small decisions and actions we make," Ms Percival said.

"As we head off this Easter there are things we can all do to keep ourselves, our families and each other safe on our roads."

- **Plan your trip** - making a trip plan and adding extra time for to take a stop to break up your journey prevents us feeling rushed. Find a great place to stop and take a break along the way, maybe a favourite town or lookout?
- **Don't speed** - Going a bit slower doesn't cost you anything - dropping your speed from 70km/hr to 60 km/hr over a 10km trip will only take an extra 86 seconds, but it significantly decreases the impact of an accident. Driving more consistently and slightly slower also uses less fuel so it can also save money.
- **Drive to the conditions** - Many of Tasmania's roads are winding and narrow, and our weather can be changeable. Always drive to the conditions.
- **Stay focused** - don't use your mobile phone or multitask while driving.
- **Wear a seat belt** - make sure everyone in the car is buckled up.
- **Don't drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.**
- **Check your car** - Check the oil, coolant fluid, battery, lights & tyre pressure before you head off on your holidays.

"During holidays we are often travelling with others and it is important to speak up when we see friends and loved ones displaying unsafe behaviours behind the wheel.

"If you have a young driver in the family, take the time to make sure they have planned their journey and are aware and conscious of making safe driving decisions this Easter.

"By embracing safe behaviours, drivers can significantly enhance the safety of themselves, their passengers and all other road users."

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