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'Af' card provides critical advice

As we come out of the winter months, there's typically increased activity and traffic on our roads, which can lead to increased crashes, particularly around holidays and the festive season.

To help its members and the wider public stay safe, RACT has produced an 'After a crash' card.

The card, which can be downloaded and kept in your glovebox, makes clear that you should call 000 if;

- Anyone is injured or there has been a fatality
- Any other driver involved does not willingly exchange their details
- A vehicle involved in the crash needs to be towed

The card also contains the fields that you need to complete after a crash, including:

- When and where the crash happened
- What happened
- The details of any parties involved
- The details of any witnesses

"We hope no one has to use this card, but in the unfortunate event that you are involved in a crash, the card acts as an essential guide and peace of mind," said RACT Chief Operations Officer, Stacey Pennicott.

"The card makes clear that safety comes first — moving vehicles away from traffic if it's safe to do so, checking for injuries and calling 000 if anyone is hurt or the situation is unsafe."

"Drivers are reminded to exchange key details with others involved, including the other person's vehicle's registration number, the driver's name, their address and phone number," she said.

"They're also urged to take clear photos of the crash scene if safe to do so, including vehicle damage and the surrounding area, as these can support insurance claims and help determine responsibilities," said Ms Pennicott.

Tasmania Police Inspector Justin Lawson said the crash card provides a timely reminder of the legal requirements drivers must follow after a crash.

"Under Tasmanian Road Rule 287, a driver involved in a crash must stop and provide their details to other parties involved," Inspector Lawson said.

"Section (2) requires that the crash be reported to police if anyone is injured or killed. Section (3) states that the crash must also be reported if a vehicle needs to be towed, or if the other driver refuses to exchange details."

"These rules are in place to ensure appropriate follow-up can occur and that parties are treated fairly and lawfully."

Inspector Lawson added that remaining at the scene and exchanging correct information was not only the right thing to do but also a legal obligation.



Ms Pennicott said that staying calm, informed and prepared could help reduce stress and protect people's interests.

"The card makes clear the value of collecting information from independent witnesses, where possible," she said.

"We encourage people to download our crash card and keep a couple of copies in their glovebox."

The crash card can be downloaded from our website.

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