Easter Road Safety: The Fatal Five

The issue

In 2022 six Australians lost their lives on the nation's roads over the five-day period from Thursday through to Easter Monday, compared with 19 during the same period in 2021.

Six deaths is less than half of the five-year average of 15 deaths, with the lowest Easter road toll in recent years being eight people in 2016.

State deaths over 2020 Easter period



Don't become a Fatal Five statistic

There is a

21%

increase in the odds of death or injury over the Christmas or holiday period ⁽³⁾.

If you are traveling this Easter, take care on the roads.



The Fatal Five

Speeding

One third of all road fatalities are due to speeding.

Alcohol and illicit drugs

40% of drivers and motorcyclists killed on the roads had drugs and/or alcohol in their system





Failure to wear a seat belt

156 vehicle occupants killed in one year failed to wear a seat belt

Fatigue

1 in 5 fatal crashes and **300** serious injuries each year are due to fatigue



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Distraction

250 people lost their lives on Victorian roads due to distraction in the past five years