

# Australian Road Safety Foundation

# GET INVOLVED FOR THE WORKPLACE 2024

The keys to road safety

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# **ROAD SAFETY**

Road safety is up to all of us – whether you are a driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist, use a scooter or a skateboard. We all play a part in reducing the impacts of road trauma and building road safety resilience.

Each year, the Australian Road Safety Foundation invites all road users to be the change they want to see on the road by choosing road safety for a Fatality Free Future. Sadly, more than 1,200 lives were lost on Australian roads in 2023.

### The issue

Road trauma is a national health issue that places enormous costs upon the community. Over the last 30 years, more than 44,000 people have died on Australia's roads. It has been estimated that for every fatality, around 30 people are seriously injured on our roads.

The annual economic cost of road crashes is estimated at more than \$30 billion. While road trauma impacts on every area of the community, the greatest tragedy is when that impact affects our most vulnerable. Statistics from the Federal Government's 2022 Deaths in Australia Report state:

"Land transport accidents were the most common cause of death among children aged 1-14 years (12%) and were the second leading cause of death among young people aged 15-24 years (21%). It is also the 3rd most common cause of death among those aged 25-44 years".

In 2022, 195 fatalities were recorded in the workplace. 72% of workplace fatalities involved a vehicle, making it the most common cause of workplace injuries.

### What can we do?

We can upskill ourselves, our workplaces, our communities and our young people to become more road safety resilient and to be safer, better road users i.e. drivers, motorcyclists, pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, scooter riders and passengers. We can take personal responsibility for our role in road safety in 2024 and beyond.

Join us in empowering all road users by including road safety conversations in the workplace and increasing road safety awareness skills for a *Fatality Free Future*.

# **WORKPLACE ENGAGEMENT**

Throughout the year, the Australian Road Safety Foundation runs several awareness campaigns, events and education programs. Resources produced for these campaigns are available to all businesses, workplaces and community groups to utilise, and further year-round road safety resources are also available. Ideas to get involved include:

# **Hold a Workplace Road Safety Day or Awareness Event:**

- Host presentations from road safety advocates, local police and emergency services
- Conduct a seminar/webinar or presentation for your workplace or community
- Create a display with our *Road User Promise Puzzle Pieces* to show your Workplace and individual colleagues promise to choose road safety every day

# **Road Safety Promise Collateral:**

We have workplace engagement elements to print and sign with road safety promises. These can be used to create a road safety display in workplace receptions, staff rooms and on workplace noticeboards, see <a href="here">here</a>. To receive additional digital and supporting road safety collateral, enquire about our Workplace Subscription <a href="here">here</a>.

# **Create a Road Safety Resilience Plan:**

Road safety resilience ensures all road users have the skills and strategies to make safe decisions every time they are on or around our roads. Discover key areas to consider when making a road safety resilience plan, see <u>here</u>.

# Include a Journey Management Plan:

When driving for work, a Journey Management Plan is an ideal tool that outlines the necessary precautions and steps to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers during their travel. When combined with a Road Safety Resilience Plan, the Journey Management Plan plays a critical role in identifying hazards and managing these effectively by mitigating risks to enhance road safety. To download your own Journey Management Plan and other resources, see <a href="here">here</a>.

# Include road safety messages in your communications:

Add your road safety messages and reminders to your social posts, newsletters and intranet.

# Involve the community in which you operate – encourage local schools and sporting associations to become involved:

This can provide goodwill for your business, encourages positive road user behaviour and may highlight your business as a role model in the community.

# AUSTRALIAN ROAD SAFETY FOUNDATION CAMPAIGNS

# Fatality Free Friday - May

A focus on all road users and their promise to choose road safety for a Fatality Free Future

# **Australian Road Safety Awards - June**

Is your workplace already doing great things in road safety? Why not enter the Australian Road Safety Awards – presented by Suncorp.

Award categories include Workplace Road Safety, Community Programs, School Programs, Indigenous Programs, Local Government Programs, Innovation, Technology Programs and Rural and Remote Programs. For more information see <a href="https://example.com/hereigness-see">here</a>.

### Key Dates:

- Nominations open mid October
- Nominations close mid December
- Submissions close mid January
- Awards event June

# Rural Road Safety Month - September

Highlights the additional risks when travelling on rural, regional and remote roads within Australia.

# World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims - 17 November 2024

Honours the lives lost on the world's roads, along with those seriously injured and the emergency services who live with the aftermath of road trauma.

# **Christmas Road Safety -** December / January

Urges all road users to take extra care over the holiday period, one of the most dangerous times to be on the road.

# **Fundraising**

The Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) is a not-for-provide organisation dedicated to promoting the prevention of physical and mental illness, death and disability that result from road crashes and incidents.

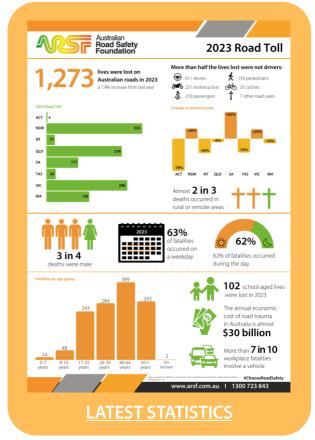
Your donation will assist us to continue to provide awareness and education about road safety in communities throughout Australia. Donations also support further research that helps to drive change. To make a direct donation, see <a href="here">here</a>.

# **ROAD SAFETY RESOURCES**

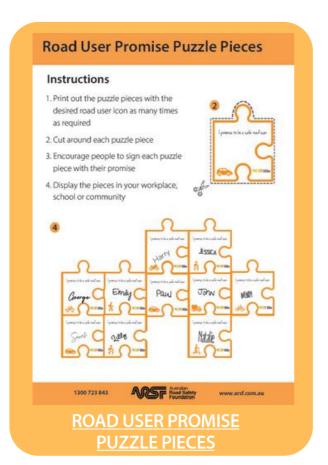




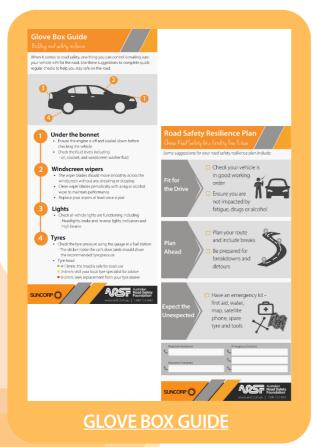




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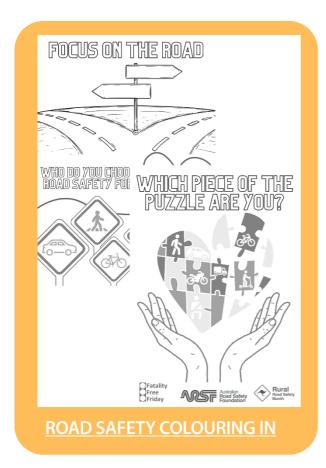




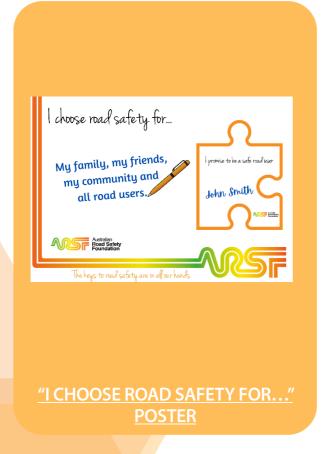




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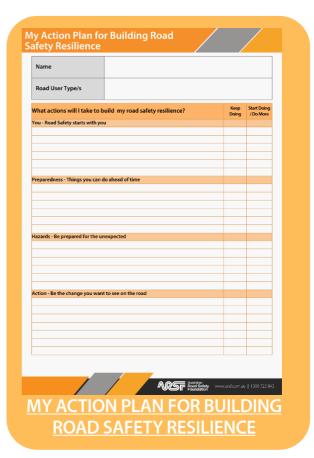






# ROAD SAFETY RESILIENCE









# PROMOTION OF CAMPAIGNS IN YOUR WORKPLACE

Let your community know by sharing road safety messaging and information:

- Print and place a promise poster in your workplace, on your notice board/s and staff rooms
- Create a display at your next workplace event with your promise to choose road safety every day
- Host a workplace road safety information morning tea or fundraiser
- Share the information in your newsletters and internal communications
- Educate and encourage your workplace to be road safety resilient
- Promote, share and post content on social media
- Speak up and share your road safety story
- Change your behaviour on the road
- Make a donation
- Make a Road Safety Promise

# **Australian Road Safety Foundation Key Messaging**

- Be the change you want to see on the road for a Fatality Free Future
- The keys to road safety are in all our hands
- Which piece of the puzzle are you?
- Head to www.arsf.com.au to make your road safety promise

# **Posting on Social Media**

Share our road safety messages on your social platforms



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Tag us and use our hashtags #ChooseRoadSafety #FatalityFreeFuture #bethechange

### **Event Checklist**

- Register your event with the Australian Road Safety Foundation to add to our calendar of events see here
- Check out the merchandise available to assist with fundraising see here
- Approach your local community and first responders (police, ambulance, fire and emergency services) to check if they would like to be involved
- Share your upcoming event details through social media, newsletters and noticeboards
- Take photos during the event to share post event

# **REFLECT ON ROAD SAFETY**

The term "road trauma" is used to describe both the physical and mental injuries resulting from an event involving a transport crash, to those involved both directly and indirectly.



# The Ripple Effect

Road trauma has a devastating ripple effect on families, schools, emergency services and the wider community. We want to bring awareness to the **true impact of road trauma** beyond the road toll.

- Approx 1,200 people die on Australian roads every year
- That's on average, more than three people every single day
- More than 3,000 people are recorded on the Australian Trauma Registry every year with very severe injuries
- The annual cost to the national economy is approx \$30 billion
- That's approx \$82 million per day

Behind every fatality and serious injury statistic, there are thousands of stories. The Australian Road Safety Foundation strives to provide support and understanding to ultimately assist road trauma victims to begin to heal.

If you would like to share your story, contact us here.



# **GETTING HELP**



### LIFELINE AUSTRALIA

13 11 14

www.lifeline.com.au



### ROAD TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUP NSW

1800 808 384

www.roadtraumasupportnsw.org



### **ROAD TRAUMA SUPPORT WA**

1300 004 814

www.injurymatters.org.au/programs/road-trauma-support-wa/



### KIDS HELP LINE

1800 55 1800

www.kidshelpline.com.au/



### **GRIEFLINE**

1300 845 745

www.griefline.org.au



### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

1300 064 068

www.tcfa.org.au



### **AMBER COMMUNITY**

1300 367 797

www.ambercommunity.org.au

# **CONTACT US**

The Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the prevention of physical and mental illness, death and disability that result from road crashes and incidents. It achieves this through innovative road safety awareness programs, education, advocacy, research and community engagement.

The ARSF vision is to drive the safety of every road user, every day, to achieve a significant year-on-year reduction in road deaths and injuries nationally.

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