

FATALITY FREE FRIDAY 2021 NATIONAL FACT SHEET

ARSF warns that without looking at road safety holistically – beyond the role of the driver – we will continue to see unnecessary loss of life and injury on our roads.

- A frightening 84% of road users falsely believe that drivers make up the majority of the road toll, when in actual fact more than half are passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists
- There were 1,108 deaths on Australian roads in 2020. In reality, the road toll consisted of:
 - Drivers: 545
 - Passengers: 196
 - Motorcyclists: 182
 - Pedestrians: 138
 - Pedal Cyclists: 42
 - Other Road Users: 5

While speeding remains by far the highest broken road rule, jaywalking came in second, which shows that it's not just Australian drivers who are behind the wheel of road safety.

- In fact, more than two thirds of Australians admit to breaking a road rule (67%), with a quarter of people doing so at least once a week (25%)
- In addition, males are twice as likely to undertake risky driver behaviours at least once a week (36%) when compared to females (16%)
- Speeding is by far the most common road rule broken (78%), followed by jaywalking (30%) and using a mobile phone (25%)
- What's more, female drivers are more likely than their male counterparts to speed (81%), jaywalk (32%) or use a mobile phone when behind the wheel (25%)
- Inattention is the reason for half of road laws being broken (51%), followed by the belief that it was safe to do so (30%)

The road safety leader is working for Fatality Free Friday to make all Australians understand the role of the community beyond duties as a just a driver.

- Fortunately, the ARSF is not alone in understanding the importance of education and changes to behaviour – almost half the population agree that this is the best way to prevent road trauma

The warning comes as post-COVID attitudes see far more activity on our roads.

- Since restrictions have lifted, 50% of drivers have made long distance journeys
- Almost half (49%) are more likely to do longer road trips versus flying this year