

Work Related Road Deaths

National Safe Work Month – October 2026



180 Work place fatalities in 2025

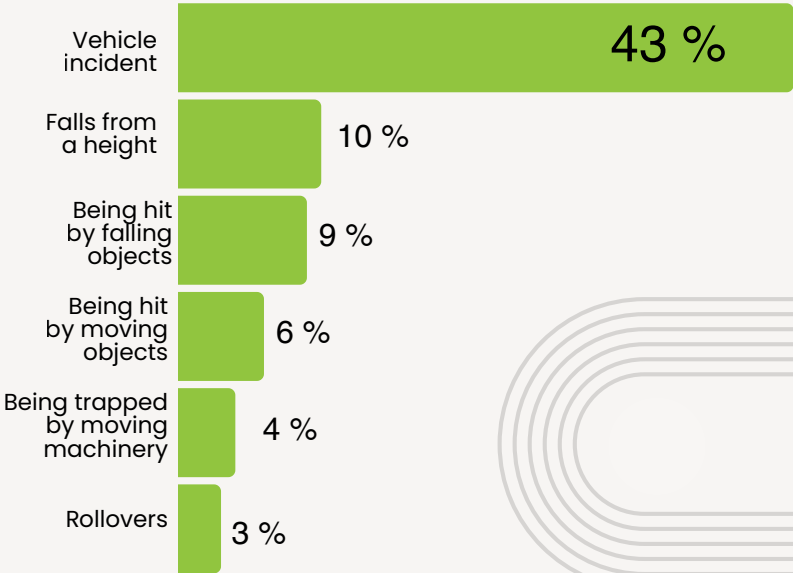
78 Were the result of a vehicle incident

Vehicle incidents remain the leading cause of workplace fatalities, accounting for 43% of all worker deaths in 2025 (78 lives lost). They occur more than four times as often as falls from height, the next leading cause at 10% of fatalities.

Encouragingly, vehicle-related fatalities fell to 78 in 2025, a 13% reduction from the five-year average of 90. Yet behind every statistic is a person, a family and a community forever changed. By keeping road safety front of mind, we can continue to reduce harm and help ensure every worker returns home safely.

Data source: Preliminary Fatalities, Safe Work Australia 2026

Worker Fatalities by Mechanism 2025



How people travel to and from work



With 61% of survey respondents reporting that they travel to work by private vehicle, the journey to and from work remains one of the greatest daily risks facing Australian workers. These findings reinforce why meaningful road safety conversations should be part of every workplace, regardless of whether driving is a core part of a worker's role.

Data source: Urban Mobility Trends Industry Report – FY 2025 , Transurban

Rural Road Safety on Both Sides of the Farm Gate

Farm fatalities fell from 70 in 2024 to 53 in 2025, a 24% reduction. Despite this encouraging decline, vehicles remained a significant cause of harm, with tractors, side-by-side vehicles (SSVs) and quad bikes involved in 19 fatalities, accounting for 35% of all farm deaths.

There were also 44 serious vehicle-related injuries reported on Australian farms in 2025. While the trend is positive, 53 lives lost is still 53 too many, highlighting the need to prioritise vehicle safety across the agricultural sector.

Data source: Safer Farms 2026 Trend Report, Farmsafe Australia

2025 Farm Fatalities by

