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Road Safety

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ACT Road Safety information provided on these pages includes the ACT Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan and Crash Statistics. Subsequent pages provide much more road safety information organised according to "Safe System" principles.

A safe transport system requires responsible road user behaviour, but also makes allowance for human error and recognises that there are limits to the forces that humans can withstand in a crash.

The Safe System approach relies on - safe speeds, safe roads and roadsides, safe vehicles, as well as safe people and safe behaviours.

For example, Safe People and Safe Behaviours includes safety issues for Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Motorcyclists, Young and Novice Drivers, Older Drivers, Impaired Road Users, Heavy Vehicle Safety as well as Road Safety Advertising and Brochures.

>> More information is available from the Safe System links above or the section choices to the right.

Current News / Hot Topics:

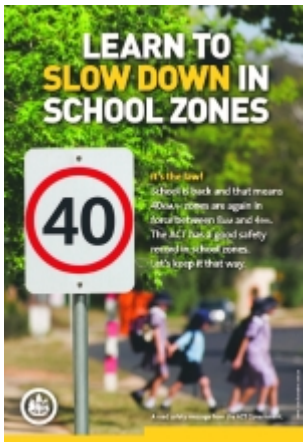
Review of ACT Graduated Licensing Scheme

A review of the ACT Graduated Licensing Scheme is being conducted in response to the continued over-representation of novice drivers in ACT road crash data and recent evaluations which have shown the benefits of additional GLS components in other jurisdictions. >>Read More

Back to School - 40kmh in School Zones!

ACT school zones will be active again from the 29th April 2013 with the commencement of Term 2.
All road users are urged to take special care when driving through school zones or anywhere children travel on their way to school.
To remind all road users of their obligations the “Speed - 40kmh School Zone” campaign was broadcast on TV, radio and facebook with further support using roadside visual message signs.
ACT Policing will continue to provide enforcement support throughout the school term.

Reminder examples: TV (mov, wmv), Radio, Print



Past News Items:

This summer the Kings Highway Partnership* urges all drivers to take care if driving interstate during the holiday season. Interstate road conditions can vary dramatically, particularly if the weather conditions change. Speed, especially on unfamiliar roads raises risks to the safety of all travelers. Speed is not the only factor affecting road safety. Drink driving and Fatigue are also factors. If planning a celebratory drink over the holiday season, remember to arrange alternate transport so that you will not be tempted to drive, and if travelling any significant distance remember to rest well before the trip, and take a break every two hours or share the driving if possible. Alert, focused and careful drivers will help keep themselves and other travelers safe. So, if the roads are wet, if it is difficult to see clearly, please slow down, obey the speed limit and advisory signs and drive to the road conditions to arrive safely. *(The ACT Government through the JACS Road Safety Unit is an active member of the Kings Highway Partnership, with other members drawn from ACT and NSW Police, regional Council and road authority representatives and the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust.)	Cross Border Travel - Bright Idea

Point-to-Point Cameras Commence Operation

The ACT"s first point-to-point safety cameras on Hindmarsh Drive (between Tyagarah Street, O"Malley and Dalrymple Street, Red Hill) commenced operating from 27 February 2012.

Infringements for speeding offences were be issued from this date.

Point-to-point cameras have shown to be effective at reducing speeds and serious crashes in jurisdictions where they have been installed.

The introduction of point-to-point cameras complements existing approaches to speed limit enforcement under the ACT Road Safety Strategy, including targeted police campaigns.

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Mandatory Alcohol and Drug Awareness Course for drink and drug drivers

ACT drivers who are convicted or found guilty of a drink driving or drug driving offence committed on or after 25 November 2011 will be required to complete a mandatory alcohol and drug awareness course in order to regain or retain their driver licence.

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