



Media Statement

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Road Safety Week Day 5: Drinking and driving fatal mix

Drink driving is not only potentially fatal, it's socially unacceptable, road safety authorities said today.

Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Jim Cox said today the message of advertising campaigns was that driving after drinking wasn't the right thing to do.

"It's not the right thing by you, your passengers or other road users," he said. "I think most people know it's not acceptable but alcohol is a factor in about 20 percent of the Tasmanians who lose their lives on the road or are seriously injured.

"The way to avoid causing a tragedy or a fine and losing your licence is not to drive after drinking," Mr Cox said. "Make a plan about how to you will get home before you have a drink. Then there's no risk to you, your family, friends or others on the road."

Acting Police Commander Doug Rossiter said that Police would be paying particular attention to drink-driving over the next 24 hours.

"We won't always be seen," he said. "In addition to the familiar breath test operations, there will be less visible activity."

If you, or someone you know has been affected by road trauma, and would like help, please contact Road Trauma Support Tasmania on 0427 487 251.

National Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week is an initiative of the Safer Australian Roads And Highways organisation (sarah.org.au). The Road Safety Advisory Council, Tasmania Police and the RACT are working together on the Week's activities.

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