



Pedestrian deaths on our roads have increased by 9.3% year-on-year.

BITRE data (2017 vs 2018)

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'Poor drivers, bad road design': What's behind the spike in pedestrian deaths?



Victoria Walks' CEO Ben Rossiter says poor road design and driver behaviour is to blame for rising pedestrian deaths. Photo: Getty



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NATIONAL VICTORIA ROAD SAFETY

The problem of pedestrian deaths on our roads

By Timna Jacks

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The women in their 80s were standing on the footpath when the car hit.

Dorothea Palmer was sent flying. Her best friend Margaret Matthews was pinned against a brick wall, the car crushing her legs.



Dorothea Palmer at the site in Sandringham where she was hit by a car in 2013. SCOTT McHAUGHTON

Caught in a bush, covered in blood and cement, Dorothea heard her friend's prayer.

"Take me Lord, take me," she could hear Margaret wail.

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'Poor drivers, bad road design': What's behind the spike in pedestrian deaths?

ABC News Breakfast

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PHOTO: People walk over a pedestrian crossing in Tokyo, Japan. (Cougar Studio: Flickr)

There has been a rise in pedestrian deaths so far this year and at least one pro-walking group has pointed the finger squarely at motorists and road design.

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Key changes since June 2019 report

Road fatalities decreased by 6 per cent from the June 2019 quarter to the September 2019 quarter.

But in the 12 months to September 2019, there was only a slight decrease in road fatalities compared to the corresponding period (1,185 deaths compared to 1,201 deaths in the 12 months to September 2018).

The data still indicate that Australia is not on track to achieve either the NRSS target for reduction in fatalities or the targeted reductions in serious injuries.

Analytical key

Green

- On track to meet or exceed NRSS target. The reduction in road crash fatalities is equal to or greater than the rate required to achieve NRSS target.

Amber

- Currently ahead of (notional) target but a faster rate of improvement is required to achieve NRSS target by 2020.

Red

- Road crash fatalities are above the notional NRSS target.

Current national status



Red

NSW	Red
VIC	Red
QLD	Amber
SA	Red
WA	Red
TAS	Amber
NT	Amber
ACT	Green

Previous national status



Red

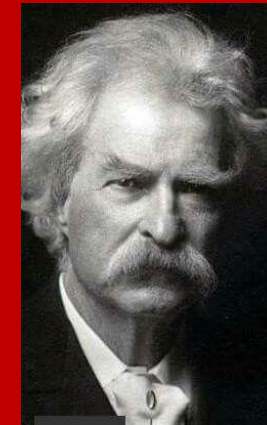
NSW	Red
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SA	Red
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TAS	Amber
NT	Amber
ACT	Green

User groups

Previous

Current

Drivers	Red	Red
Passengers	Green	Green
Pedestrians	Red	Red
Motorcyclists	Red	Red
Cyclists	Red	Red



“Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.”

– Mark Twain



Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

– Groucho Marx

AZ QUOTES

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

John Quinton

WHO Definition

- Any person who is travelling by walking for at least part of his or her journey.
- May be using various modifications and aids to walking such as wheelchairs, motorized scooters, walkers, canes, skateboards, and roller blades.
- May carry items of varying quantities, held in hands, strapped on the back, placed on the head, balanced on shoulders, or pushed/pulled along.
- A person is also considered a pedestrian when running, jogging, hiking, or when sitting or lying down in the roadway.



Burden of Disease Globally

- Each year - > 270 000 pedestrians die
- Constitute 22% of all road traffic fatalities - some countries as high as 2/3 of all road traffic deaths.
- Millions of pedestrians are injured – many with permanent disabilities.
- The actual number of fatalities and injuries is higher than the official statistics



Pedestrian deaths and injuries, like all road traffic crashes, should not be accepted as inevitable accidents because they are, in fact, both predictable and preventable.



Key risk factors

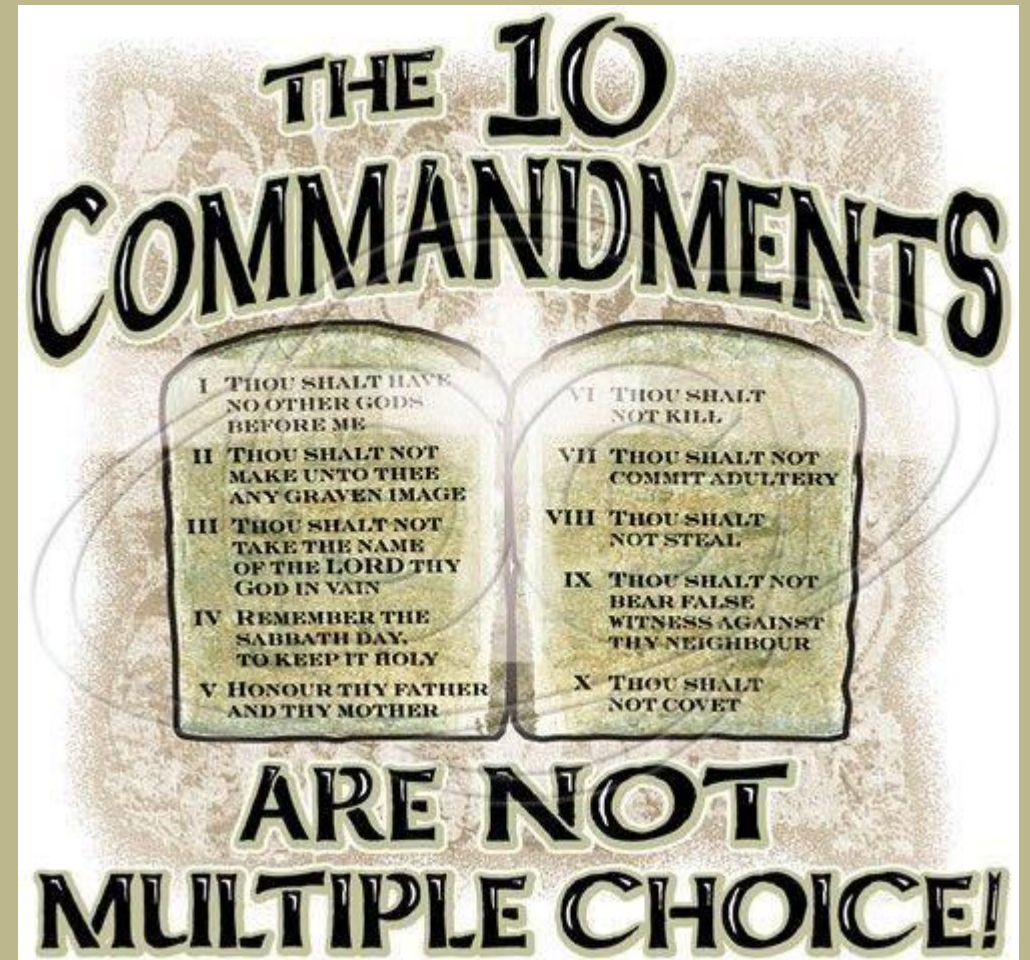
- Vehicle speed
- Alcohol use
- Drug use
- Distraction
- Lack of safe infrastructure
- Inadequate visibility
- Inadequate enforcement of traffic laws and regulations



Systems Approach to Pedestrian Safety

Consideration of the many factors that expose pedestrians to risk = work in a collaborative collegial multi-industry / multidisciplinary team

- Law Enforcement
- Community Infrastructure
 - Education
- Behaviour/Attitudes
- Car Manufacture
 - Road Design
 - Technology
- Health Profession



**"So, if we lie to the government,
it's a felony.**

**But if they lie
to us
its politics."**

- Bill Murray

