

Road safety is no accident

International Road Safety Day 7 April 2004



The World Health Organization has decided on road safety as the theme for World Health Day this year. World Health Day is one of WHO's key tools for engaging the general public in discussion and debate on important health issues.

Road crashes take the lives of 1.2 million people around the world each year, disable hundreds of thousands more, and affect millions of families and communities.

The ACT has a very good road safety record by international standards but each year in our community road crashes injure around 400 people and claim the lives of 11 people.

What can you do?

Avoid the risk factors associated with road crashes:

- Wear a seatbelt and make sure the kids are in approved restraints
- Don't drink and drive, and
- Keep to the speed limit.

Excessive speed is one of our biggest problems. Around 70 % of Canberrans admit to regularly exceeding the speed limit by 10km/h or more. There is no such thing as safe speeding. Every 1 km/h reduction in overall speed will result in major reductions in crashes - see our website for the details why.

**By following this simple advice
you can make a difference.**



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