The unheard trauma of fatal road crimes in NSW

The ripples of road trauma are felt throughout the NSW community, affecting 1.26 million adults.

6.32M (100%)

NSW POPULATION AGED 18+

1.26M (20%)

ANY ROAD TRAUMA

Ever experienced the death of someone they personally knew as a result of a road crash (due to a criminal offence or otherwise) on roads in NSW

253к (4%)

CRIMINAL ROAD TRAUMA Ever experienced the death of someone they personally knew as a result of a road crash on roads in NSW due

126к (2%)

CRIMINAL ROAD TRAUMA

to the criminal act of another

Ever experienced the death of a <u>close</u> family member or friend as a result of a road crash on roads in NSW due to the **criminal** act of another

Impact of road trauma

\$9b

Road trauma costs the NSW community \$9b per year

81% of victims families experience mental health

issues (depression, anxiety, PTSD)

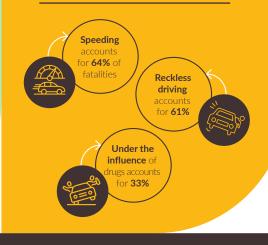
3.5x more likely to struggle with rent/mortgage compared to non-criminal road deaths

32% have experienced suicidal thoughts 6x

Repeat offenders are more likely to be in a serious or fatal crash

18% Alcohol played a role in 18% of fatal crashes in 2020

Young drivers are particularly vulnerable



Regional areas are over-represented in criminal road crashes



Risk factors

How can we work together towards zero criminal road deaths and support victims' families?

With NSW Policies

Revisit minimum sentencing requirements



support charging drivers with vehicular manslaughter when they kill someone on the road

73% believe punishments for driving on drugs should be harsher

Publish outcomes of crash investigations



want public investigations and reporting of causes of fatal crashes

Support victim impact panels



support victim impact panels for offenders to regain their license

Tailor CTP to suit the needs of the bereaved



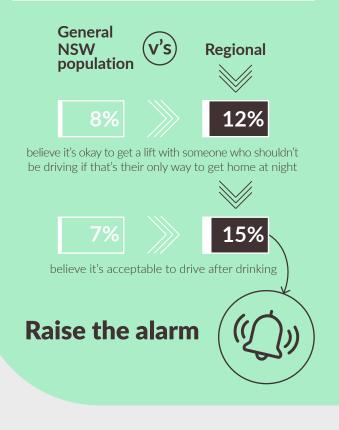
agree the CTP Claims Scheme should address the unique needs of victims' families

Support for professionals



support training for first responders to assist families following a fatal crash

With the NSW Community



Speak up and step in if someone shouldn't be driving:



of NSW residents believe road rules are subjective



believe it's okay to speed up to beat traffic lights before they turn red



believe it's acceptable to drive up to 10km/hour over the speed limit

With Media

Change the language, refine protocols when reporting on fatal road crashes



believe language change is essential or high priority

- > Obtain family permission before publishing victim names, images and stories
- > Use "crash" instead of "accident" when reporting on road deaths

For families of road trauma victims who require assistance navigating the justice systems contact Road Trauma Support Group NSW for support at 1800 808 384 or email info@rtsgnsw.org.au.



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** RTSG NSW commissioned the expertise of an independent research agency, Fiftyfive5, to research to reality of victims of criminal road trauma

** Study surveyed 2,102 NSW residents and conducted 38 interviews with victims' families and professionals.