



Media Release

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Buckle up this Easter weekend

RAC is encouraging Western Australia motorists to ensure their loved ones are wearing a seatbelt this Easter, after new statistics show this year's critical injuries has spiked compared to previous years.

General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said it's concerning that 63 people have been critically injured on the road so far this year, up from 51 at the same time in 2013.

"RAC has today released a new road safety video which showed many Western Australians don't know that WA had the worst fatality rate of any state last year," Mr Golsby said.

"Western Australia's road safety record is unacceptable. Last year, one person died on WA roads every two days.

"Last year, a third of all Western Australian motor vehicle deaths involved someone in the car not wearing a seatbelt. Seatbelts are one of the critical ways people can reduce their risk of being seriously injured behind the wheel.

"Unfortunately, 44 years after seatbelts became mandatory in WA, some drivers and passengers are still choosing not to buckle up.

"This Easter, we want you to enjoy time with your family and friends. Ease up at Easter and wear your seatbelt to reduce your risk of being seriously injured, or worse, killed on the road."

The video can be viewed [here](#).

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