



Media Release

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Christmas shoppers at risk of car park prangs

RAC is reminding Christmas shoppers to be patient and on high alert this December, following a spike in shopping centre car park prangs at the same time last year.

RAC Insurance General Manager Claims, Andrew O'Hara, said between 1-24 December last year there were 413 prangs in shopping centre car parks.

"In the lead up to Christmas last year, Midland Gate Shopping Centre experienced the highest number of collisions, followed by Westfield Innaloo, Garden City Shopping Centre and Karrinyup Shopping Centre," Mr O'Hara said.

"Shopping centres definitely appear to be a high risk area over the festive frenzy period.

"What we are seeing are collisions at the intersections surrounding shopping centres, people driving in and people driving out."

With so many people and cars concentrated in one area, visibility in shopping centre car parks can also be quite poor.

"People can also be scanning the area looking for a parking spot whilst they are driving through busy areas," Mr O'Hara added.

"We would recommend everyone to be patient, be on high alert, drive courteously and take your time around car parks.

"Being careful when reversing out and being aware that you may be hard to see can also help."

Here is the list of the top 10 shopping centres for collision claims from 1 – 24 December 2014:

Shopping Centre	
1	Midland Gate Shopping Centre
2	Westfield Innaloo
3	Garden City Shopping Centre
4	Karrinyup Shopping Centre
5	Galleria Shopping Centre
6	Westfield Carousel
7	Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City
8	Rockingham Shopping Centre
9	Warwick Grove Shopping Centre
10	Armadale Shopping City

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