

Road Trauma Awareness Seminars

Delivered in collaboration with magistrates, prosecutors and defence lawyers to include education as a component of sentencing for traffic offenders.

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EDUCATION

The program is based on a sound theoretical model of restorative justice principles and three psychological models:

1. Narrative Discourse
2. Experiential Learning
3. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

It encourages behavioural change through a process of education, reflection and prevention.

Road Trauma Awareness Seminars (RTAS) are regularly reviewed and evaluated. A Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) literature review can be found on our website.



ROAD TRAUMA AWARENESS SEMINARS

Our program aligns with the Victorian Government's Safe System approach to improve driver attitudes and behaviours, to support safer road user behaviour.

The program includes:

- 2½ hour seminar
- 22 state-wide locations
- Small groups of 10 participants per seminar
- Sound educational theories
- Interactive, exploring risks and alternatives to current driving practices
- Participant follow up and ongoing contracted behaviour modification
- Participant behaviour/attitude self-assessments
- Working in collaboration – education and enforcement, complements existing enforcement
- Conversations with people impacted by trauma on our roads
- Helps to reduce illegal driving behaviour and rates of recidivism

OUTCOMES

Participants commonly start the program displaying disinterest, bravado and lack of remorse. However, due to the program's focus on behaviour change rather than blame, participants typically experience a noticeable shift in attitude. They are empowered to make choices toward being a safer road user.

"I will now respect fellow road users and consider how my decisions may affect others. I am going to also add a physical reminder to my car on how important it is to drive safely." Campbell



"Thanks to the Road Trauma Awareness Seminar I have taken away that I need to be more aware of the people around me and to think about the consequences of my actions and how it could impact other lives in a major way." Lachlan

"This program has taught me never to drink and drive again but, more importantly, I will be educating my children about the importance of road safety and setting an example." Stephen

"I have made the conscious decision to drive slower, be more considerate to other drivers and to be aware of the consequences of reckless driving." Anonymous

OUR COMMUNITY

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) is committed to educating the community and to raising public awareness about road trauma and how it affects people's lives. A vital part of this educational work is delivered by our volunteers who share their personal stories about road trauma.

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation contributing to the safety and wellbeing of Victorian road users.

COUNSELLING

RTSSV provides free and unlimited counselling, information and peer support programs to more than 1,000 Victorians impacted by road trauma. Our clients include bereaved families, friends and colleagues; injured people and their carers; drivers and passengers; witnesses and emergency service workers who are first-on-scene.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

We encourage you to join our community:

- Tell your family and friends about our free counselling services for people impacted by road trauma
- Like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram and Twitter, or join our mailing list to stay connected
- Join us at our annual Shine a Light on Road Safety community walk or Time for Remembering ceremony
- Volunteer with us as a speaker or be involved in our education program development.

SUPPORT OUR WORK

Road trauma can affect any one at any time. Each dollar helps us to provide vital services to Victorians impacted by road trauma. **Make a donation today.**

Our total annual budget is less than \$1 million. We reinvest all funds in our programs and work hard to make sure that the resources entrusted to us are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

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