

## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

# FESTIVE ROAD SAFETY: THE FATAL FIVE QUICK FACTS

Enjoy this Festive Season and if you are traveling, take care on the road.

### The Issue:

The Festive Season is considered to be one of the most dangerous times to travel on Australian roads.

Each year, people are killed or seriously injured as they travel to see friends and family over the extended holiday break.



**52** deaths took place on Australian roads during the Holiday period of 2017.

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### The Fatal Five:

In 2016, across Australia, the following total annual fatalities were caused by the Fatal Five:

#### Failure to wear a seat belt

**156** vehicle occupants killed were not wearing a seat belt or restraint

#### Distraction/Inattention

**300** fatal crashes were due to driver distraction and inattention;

#### Speeding

**481** fatal crashes were caused by speeding

#### Fatigue

**240- 360** fatal crashes were related to driver fatigue

#### Intoxication (drugs and/or alcohol)

**94** drivers killed had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) above the legal limit.

**73** drivers killed had an illegal drug in their system.

## Do not become a Fatal Five statistic. Be safe this Festive Season.

- Do not drive under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol
- Do not send or read a text message while driving, or better yet — don't use your phone.
- Stick to the speed limit
- Always wear a seat belt
- Plan your journey to avoid fatigue