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Is My House In Order: Personal Attitudes Of Police Officers Towards Vehicle Safety

The following survey questions were conducted online by the NSW Police Force to understand their workforces' attitudes towards vehicle safety. The survey is designed in a way which will allow any organisation to adapt it to their own workforce. The goal is to start a conversation and perhaps create some light bulb moments among workers and their families into the role of safer vehicles in their lives.

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Question 1: Respondent Duty Type

People work in different roles in every workplace. Tailor the options for this question accordingly to your organisation. For example:

- Administration/office worker
- Warehouse worker
- Driver

Question 2: How do you usually get to work?

- Private vehicle (driver or passenger)
- Private motorcycle
- Pushbike or walk
- Company vehicle
- Public Transport (including use of commuter car park)

For Traffic and Highway Patrol, this question did not ask about the use of public transport. For workers on rotating shifts that start early and finish late, the private car remains the dominant form of transportation.

Question 3: When you drive a private car to work, the vehicle you usually drive work is?

- Less than 12 months old
- 12 months to 3 years old
- 3 to 6 years old
- 6 to 10 years old
- More than 10 years old

The average age of the Australian vehicle fleet is 10 years.

Question 4: In making the decision to buy that car, how important were the vehicles' safety features?

- Vehicle safety was the main factor in deciding what car to buy
- Vehicle safety was a factor in the decision
- Vehicle safety was not a factor

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Question 5: If you drive a private car to work, the vehicle you usually drive is:

- 5-Star ANCAP rated
- 4-Star ANCAP rated
- 3-Star ANCAP rated or lower
- Unknown
- I don't drive a private car to work

To help in answering, provide respondent with links to new car ratings <https://www.ancap.com.au/safety-ratings> and used car ratings <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/ucsr-2017-18.pdf>

Question 6: For other vehicles in your household, what are their ANCAP ratings?

- At least one car is 5-Star ANCAP rated
- At least one car is 4-Star ANCAP rated
- The other car(s) are 3-Star ANCAP or lower
- Unknown

Question 7: If you have any vehicles that are not 5-Star ANCAP rated, what are the reasons? You can select more than one answer

- I am a performance/classic car owner
- Cannot afford to replace older cars
- I am not concerned with the issue of vehicle safety
- Other reason not listed

Consider a free text field for "other reason not listed"

Question 8: Do you have children in your household who drive (includes learner drivers)? You can select more than one answer

- Yes – they usually borrow my vehicle
- Yes – they usually drive their own vehicle
- No – they are too young to drive
- No – but they will be learning to drive in the next 12 months
- No children in household

Question 9: We know that the newer the car, the less the severity of crash outcomes. If you have children who drive or are about to start, select the statement that is most correct in your household.

- My children always drive newer vehicles that are 5-Star ANCAP rated
- My children mostly drive newer vehicles that are 5-Star ANCAP rated
- My children never or rarely drive newer vehicles that are 5-star ANCAP rated
- Unknown

Consider a question on public transport use by driving-aged children.

Instead of driving, do your driving-aged children use public transport? You can select more than one answer.

- My children use public transport to get to school/work
- My children use public transport to get to social functions at night
- My children always or almost always drive themselves to school/work
- My children always or almost always drive themselves to social functions at night

Borrowing from Work Health Safety's hierarchy of controls, the best way to eliminate a safety hazard is not to do the activity.

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Question 10: For those with young drivers who have purchased or are about to buy their first car, do you discuss vehicle safety with them?

- No, the choice of what car to buy is theirs
- Yes, I have talked about the importance of vehicle safety features with them

Question 11: Optional question – you may share any experiences with vehicle safety features either personally or because of attending crashes.