

Media Release

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VICTORIANS BUCKLE UP AND DITCH DEVICES BEHIND THE WHEEL

More Victorians are keeping their eyes on the road, with a drop in the number of people caught by distracted driver and seatbelt cameras rolled out by the Allan Labor Government.

The latest road safety camera statistics show that more Victorians are getting the message to stay focused on driving, with a 36 per cent decrease in the number of infringements issued by the cameras from January to March this year compared to the same period last year.

In Quarter 3 2024-25 there were 19,063 infringements issued for not wearing a seatbelt properly or for using a device while driving, while during the same time last year there were 29,832 infringements issued.

This reduction is even more impressive given that in this period, distracted driver and seatbelt cameras were deployed for more hours and assessed more cars than ever before.

Distracted driver and seatbelt cameras are deployed across the state to catch those posing a risk to themselves and others by engaging in dangerous driving habits, such as using a mobile phone while driving, or when the driver or front seat passenger of a car is not wearing a seatbelt.

The penalty for using a mobile phone while driving is \$611 and four demerit points and the penalty for driving without a seatbelt is \$407 and three demerit points.

There are currently nine distracted driver and seatbelt camera trailers operating in Victoria that can be deployed anywhere at any time, including in regional areas.

Every dollar received from road safety cameras goes to the Better Roads Victoria Trust where it is spent on road projects such as roads restoration, road surface replacement, bridge strengthening and other road safety improvements.

The latest Road Safety Camera Statistics are available at vic.gov.au/cameras-save-lives.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Police Anthony Carbines

"I'm glad more Victorians are getting the message on road safety and doing the right thing, keeping themselves and others safer on the road."

"We can't count this as job done, however. To those who are doing the wrong thing – these cameras are still watching and will catch you."

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We all have a role to play to make sure everyone gets home safely – so plan ahead, drive to the conditions, take regular breaks and follow the road rules so that everyone gets home safely to their loved ones."

Quote attributable to Transport Accident Commission Head of Road Safety Sam Cockfield

"It's encouraging to see a drop in the number of infringements issued by distracted driver and seatbelt cameras, but we cannot afford to get complacent."