

ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Hoon Offences

- Increasing police impoundment period from 48 hours to seven days for a first offence and 28 days for a second and subsequent offence.

Road Rage

- Extending the definition of 'road rage circumstances' so that events that occur on places other than a road (as defined in the Road Traffic Act) are included, such as car parks and private property.

Confiscation Provisions

- Amending vehicle confiscation provisions as they relate to both hoon and road rage offences so that where an application is made to have a vehicle confiscated, a court may order the impounding of the vehicle for a period of up to six months as an alternative to confiscation. Currently, when police apply for confiscation but are unsuccessful, there is no avenue for the court to order the impounding of the vehicle instead.

Seatbelt Penalties

- The current penalties relating to non-use of seatbelts/restraints are detailed below:

Offence	Fine (PU)	Demerit Points
	Current	Current
Duties of Driver		
Reg 232: Driver not wearing seat belt	\$500	4
Reg 234(2): Driver to ensure unrestrained passengers are not in front row of seats	\$500	4
Reg 233: Driver not ensuring passenger under 16 wears restraint	\$500	4
Reg 234(1): Driver to ensure passenger occupies position with seatbelt	\$500	4
Reg 235: Driver to ensure passenger under 12 months is suitably restrained	\$500	4
Duties of Passenger Over 16		
Reg 237(2): Passenger to not sit in front row unrestrained	\$500	-
Reg 236: Passenger not wearing seatbelt	\$500	-
Reg 237(1): Passenger to occupy seatbelted position if available	\$500	-

- A new ruling will be introduced to make a driver responsible for ensuring all passengers are restrained regardless of age. Currently the driver is only responsible for those passengers under the age of 16.
- Amending existing seatbelt penalties for drivers as follows:

Non-Use of Seatbelt/Restraint	Demerit Points	Fine
Unrestrained Driver	4	\$500
with one unrestrained passenger	6	\$600
with two unrestrained passengers	7	\$700
with three unrestrained passengers	8	\$800
with four or more unrestrained passengers	9	\$900
Restrained Driver		
with one unrestrained passenger	4	\$500
with two unrestrained passengers	6	\$600
with three unrestrained passengers	7	\$700
with four or more unrestrained passengers	8	\$800

- An unrestrained passenger over the age of 16 will continue to receive a penalty of \$500.

Penalties for Use of Hand-Held Mobile Phone

- Increasing the penalty for using a hand-held mobile phone while driving from two penalty units (\$100) and three demerit points to five penalty units (\$250) and three demerit points.

Speeding Penalties

- Penalties will be increased for drivers who continue to speed on the State's roads by more than 20kmh. Other speeding penalties remain unchanged. Amending penalties for speeding as detailed in the following tables:

Light Vehicles

Exceed limit by kmh	Fine (\$) (New fine proposed in brackets)	Demerits
One to nine	75	0
10-19	150	2
20-29	250 (300)	3
30-39	350 (700)	5
>40	1,000	7

Heavy Vehicles

Exceed limit by kmh	Fine (\$) (New fine proposed in brackets)	Demerits
One to nine	150	0
10-19	250	2
20-29	350 (400)	3
30-39	500 (850)	5
>40	1000	7

- Increasing court-imposed penalties for reckless driving (which includes exceeding the speed limit by more than 45kmh or more) as detailed below:

Offence	Fine (\$) (new fine proposed in brackets)	Licence Suspension (months)
First	\$1,000 (\$2,000) ¹	Minimum six
Second	\$1,200 (\$3,000) ¹	Minimum 12
Subsequent	\$2,400 (\$4,000) ²	Permanent

¹Option to fine is nine months' jail

²Option to fine is 12 months' jail

Driver Reviver Program

- Further enhance the Driver Reviver Program in WA, including the production of Driver Reviver Location Maps, to address the growing problem of driver fatigue.

Roadside Billboards and Speed Alert Trailers

- Given the significant proportion of deaths and serious injury in regional WA, the Government will extend the regional road safety bulletin board promotion program to increase targeted promotion of road safety messages. The Government will also investigate the purchase of mobile speed alert trailers to assist drivers in monitoring their speed.

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