Driving for Work
Road Safety Authority
Perspective

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Definition of Driving for Work

Driving for work includes any person who drives on a public road as part of their employment (not including driving to and from their work) in either:

- a company vehicle

- their own vehicle

It specifically *excludes* commuting
RSA Collision Data: 7% of drivers killed on our roads in 2015 were driving for work at the time.

Trip Purpose of killed drivers
(75 drivers killed in 2015)

- Driving for work: 64% (7%)
- Social: 23% (7%)
- Commuting to/from work: 7%
- Unknown

× 1 in 5 (22%) drivers involved in fatal collisions in 2015 were DFW.

× 1 in 10 (12%) Drivers injured (serious and minor) were DFW.

Drivers killed DFW 2014 8%

Source: RSA Collision Database 2015 as of 26th September 2016
Note: 2014 & 2015 data is provisional and subject to change.
Pre-Crash Behaviour Study: 1 in 6 drivers involved in fatal collisions from 2008-2012 were driving for work at the time.

### Trip Purpose

All drivers involved in fatal collisions 2008-2012 (1,177)

- Driving for work: 62%
- Commuting to/from work: 16%
- To/From School: 9%
- Social: 13%
- Other: 1%

**Source:** RSA Pre-Crash Behaviour Study; A review of all fatal investigation files for 2008-2012 at GNTB

**Pre-Crash Study:** Fatal investigation files likely to yield very accurate recording of trip purpose. (RSA Collision Data Base reflects preliminary information at scene of collision.)
Progress on DFW Policy Implementation

Does Employer have Health & Safety Policy on Driving? *

- Yes: 57%
- No: 35%
- Don’t Know: 8%

19% of motorists in employment “drive for work” *

*Based on all drivers in employment (658)
Source: RSA Survey of Driver Attitudes & Behaviour 2015
Speeding – Trucks, Artics & Single decker buses are more likely to speed on rural roads than cars

- 7,213 Cars: 22%
- 2,101 Rigid Trucks: 29%
- 510 Single Decker Buses: 31%
- 1,288 Articulated Trucks: 42%

Source: RSA Free-Speed Survey 2015
Killer Behaviours: Motorists who DFW are more at risk

Those who DFW are more likely to admit that they:

- Fell asleep at the wheel **17%** (10% for all drivers)
- Driven after alcohol **11%** (8% for all drivers)
- Always use handsfree phone when driving **24%** (13% for all drivers)
- Speed on urban & rural roads (+ **10-15%** v’s all drivers)
- At least sometimes use handheld when driving **14%** (10% of all drivers)
- Admit to being a ‘manipulator’ **34%** (26% for all drivers)

Higher incidence of being involved in a collision **15%** vs **9%**
Higher incidence of being involved in a near miss **37%** vs **25%**

Source: RSA Driver Attitudes & Behaviour Study November 2015
Car Maintenance: Motorists who DFW are more savvy

Those who DFW are more likely to state they know how to:

- Check oil levels in car **92%** (84% for all drivers)
- Check air pressure in tyres **92%** (82% for all drivers)
- Check tyres/tread depth in car **83%** (73% for all drivers)

- **69%** who DFW conduct a ‘walkabout’ check of the vehicle they use for work at least monthly
- **59%** of those who DFW take breaks during long journeys

Source: RSA Driver Attitudes & Behaviour Study November 2015
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Real Time Results
On Time Testing
Roadside Compliance
Effective Enforcement
Enhanced network of test operators & testers
Enforcement
Commercial Vehicle Operator Risk Indicator

High Risk Rating

Medium Risk Rating

Low Risk Rating
Maintain your Vehicles

Display your Disc

Test on time

Monitor your Drivers Hours