



I realised that I wasn't as focused because it wasn't my car. It took a crash to jolt me back to reality.

It made me realise that my future driving habits are not just about a lost licence or a wrecked car, they're about the other lives that will be affected by the choices I make.

Hearing from somebody personally affected by road trauma really made me sit up and take note.

What if I had killed somebody? I'd have to live with that for the rest of my life.

It showed me that I'm not invincible behind the wheel of a car, and that accidents can happen to anyone.

What previous participants have said about our seminar



RTSSV was founded in 1994 after a group of people whose lives had been directly affected by road trauma joined with professionals working in the area to provide a specialist support service.

Over the years it has grown to not only support people whose lives have been impacted by road trauma and the loss of loved ones and life dreams but also to educate people in terms of their responsibility as drivers and the consequences of their attitudes and behaviours

RTSSV is a not-for-profit organisation funded in part by the Transport Accident Commission and relies on community support to provide a full range of services.

For more information on our services or programs call 9877 7922 or visit our website at www.rtssv.org.au.

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Education Programs

- Road Trauma Awareness Seminars
- Education sessions for community groups
- Education sessions for corporate groups

Education program bookings: 9877 7922

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Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) is a community based not-for-profit organisation that offers state-wide counselling, education and support services specialising in the impact of road trauma. It is the only organisation of its kind in Victoria.

Road crashes have a ripple effect that reaches across our community affecting many people, including those involved directly and indirectly with a crash. The emotional trauma for those involved and those affected varies considerably.

In order to reduce the incidence of crashes and trauma in our community we provide education across Victoria.

Our services focus on:

- Educational programs
- Professional face-to-face and telephone counselling (free service)

RTSSV is committed to educating the community and raising public awareness about road trauma and how it affects people's lives. In doing this it has developed a range of educational programs to support:

- Traffic offenders in understanding and owning the consequences of their actions.
- Fleet owners and their staff in being more aware of the implications of poor driving attitudes and behaviour.
- At risk groups in the community such as young people and the elderly.
- Community groups wanting more information on road safety.

Road Trauma Awareness Seminars (RTAS)

RTSSV runs road trauma awareness seminars in conjunction with the Magistrates' Court of Victoria for traffic offenders as part of sentencing.

The seminars are designed to get offenders to confront their attitudes and behaviours and understand the consequences of their actions on other road users and the wider community and in doing this, reduce the risk of the driver reoffending.

During the seminar participants hear first-hand from a volunteer guest speaker directly affected by road trauma as well as from a member of the emergency services. Throughout the seminar participants look at their behaviour, attitudes and thought processes in order to modify them to reflect and model safer driving experiences.

The two and a half hour seminar is delivered weekly at over 10 locations around Melbourne and regularly in a number of locations in regional Victoria. It is run on weekday evenings or on the weekend and has a maximum of 15 participants per program. The program is adapted to the needs of different CALD communities.

Community Education Programs

RTSSV delivers education sessions for interested health professionals, community groups, organisations and businesses. Programs can be tailored to meet specific needs for at risk groups and may include:

- Effects of grief and trauma
- Road safety facts and figures
- The personal impact of road trauma
- Proactive personal road safety

Our programs range from primary prevention to intervention after the offense and include:

Primary Intervention

Suitable for: Schools, Universities, Rotary, Probus, Apex and Lions Clubs, Community Forums
Focus: Raising awareness on road safety, the causes of crashes, how to prevent a crash and the impact of road trauma and its ripple effect.

Early Intervention

Suitable for: Fleet owners and organisations that are serious in supporting their staff to drive more responsibly and safely. Keeping safe whilst driving sessions as part of OH&S for organisations.

Focus: Driver responsibility, driver attitudes and behaviours, main causes of crashes and the effects crashes have on family, friends and colleagues.

Intervention

Suitable for: Youth services, Trade Schools/TAFE

Focus: Driving is an important part of a young person's life and is often seen as a rite of passage into adulthood. We offer programs that assist in developing safe attitudes and behaviour that not only keep us safe on the roads but also keep us offence free.

Intervention after the offense

Culpable drivers – A program that supports and educates before, during and after prison.

Repeat traffic offenders – This program requires individual assessment, education and follow-up to reduce the incidence of reoffending.

Please contact RTSSV for further information or to discuss the development of a program tailored to your needs.

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