

VicRoads International Projects

ROAD SAFETY



VicRoads is a world leader in road safety thanks to a well considered program of evidence based initiatives.

Many road safety initiatives have been widely adopted internationally and have started in Victoria. VicRoads has demonstrated both here and internationally that it works well in partnerships with a range of government departments to develop and implement comprehensive strategies to address road safety.

Our pioneering approach to road safety has seen Victoria's annual road death toll drop from 1,061 in 1970 to 282 in 2012.

While our road safety improvements since the 1970's are impressive, VicRoads is continually seeking to do more to reduce trauma on Victoria's roads.

The current 'Victoria's Road Safety Strategy' and 'Action plan' is targeting at specific solutions to reduce serious injuries, drink driving and speeding, and improving safety for our most at risk people in motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists.

To view the current 'Victoria's Road Safety Strategy' see link roadsafety.vic.gov.au

Victoria was the first jurisdiction in the world to introduce mandatory wearing of seat belts, random breath testing, bicycle helmets and drug driving tests.

Over many years, VicRoads has developed an extensive range of education materials and training programs for road users of all ages, many of which have been adopted by other jurisdictions or become the national standard.

Considerable expertise has been developed in the application of engineering solutions to reduce risks at particular sites or along lengths of road where there have been a number of crashes or where the number of crashes is increasing because of changed traffic conditions.

As an international leader in road safety auditing, VicRoads integrates road safety audit into design, development and delivery of projects and maintenance of the road asset. It also offers safety audit training programs for road safety practitioners, some specialising in road safety for motorising nations.

VicRoads has a number of systems to assist it to manage the road safety task. One of these, Crashstats, is an integrated traffic accident reporting and analysis system. This is a multi-user application which runs in both a distributed Windows environment and also through a web browser. To view Crashstats, refer to vicroads.vic.gov.au

VicRoads International has delivered road safety projects incorporating the development of road safety strategies and action plans, road safety audits, blackspot analysis, road safety education and community consultation, vehicle safety and road user behaviour. Projects have been undertaken in: *Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, China (Guangzhou, Heilongjiang), Eritrea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam.*