

WALGA's RoadWise Program



WALGA's Role in Road Safety

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is the peak industry body for Local Government in WA.

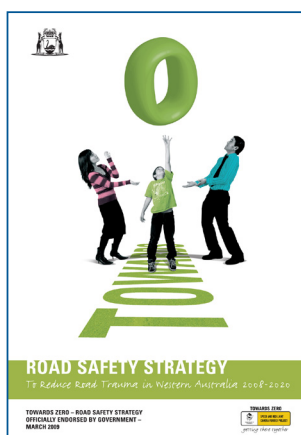
As owners and managers of 88% of the roads in Western Australia, Local Governments have an important role in road safety. As road and planning authorities Local Governments have a significant influence on the design of the road network. Collectively Local Governments manage substantial vehicle fleet and as such can contribute to the uptake of safe vehicles. Local Governments also play a leading role in creating informed communities, mobilising resources and coordinating efforts to address local road safety issues.

WALGA's RoadWise Program is the Local Government and Community Road Safety Program which works to build the capacity of Local Governments, the community and other agencies to effectively deliver road safety initiatives aligned to *Towards Zero*, Western Australia's Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020. Building capacity is achieved by improving individual skills, strengthening community action and empowering organisations to take responsibility for road safety and contribute to better road safety outcomes.

The RoadWise Program is supported by the Road Safety Council of WA and Local Governments and is funded by the State Government through the Road Trauma Trust Account (speed and red light camera fines) and the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (from vehicle registration fees).



Towards Zero, Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020



Towards Zero is based on the safe system approach, which aims for a road network that protects road users and prevents crashes that result in death and serious injury. The safe system aims to improve road safety through four cornerstones:

- **Safe Roads and Roadsides** – investing in improvements to roads and infrastructure.
- **Safe Speeds** – ensuring speed limits and travel speeds are appropriate for the road infrastructure.
- **Safe Vehicles** – encouraging the community and organisations to purchase safer vehicles with key safety features.
- **Safe Road Use** – addressing impaired driving (alcohol, drugs, fatigue, and distraction), restraint use and speed choice through enforcement and education initiatives.

The long term vision of *Towards Zero* is of a road transport system in which no-one is killed or seriously injured.

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WALGA's Road Safety Programs

Local Government Advocacy, Leadership and Policy

WALGA represents the interests and views of the Local Government sector on issues affecting road safety. Policy staff inform and engage with Local Governments to assist in implementing *Towards Zero*. WALGA advocates on behalf of Local Governments for additional resources and funding needed to improve road safety on local roads.



Community Road Safety Network

WALGA's RoadWise Program supports local road safety committees and the state-wide network of individuals and groups with an interest in road safety. The network includes RoadWise committees, Local Governments, community groups and individuals who are working towards reducing deaths and serious injuries on WA roads. The Program aims to build capacity at the community level to plan, deliver and evaluate effective road safety activities to support the implementation of *Towards Zero*.



Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitting Service

WALGA's RoadWise Program coordinates a state-wide network of Type 1 Child Car Restraint Fitters, who have completed nationally accredited training. The service includes a dedicated telephone information line (phone: 1300 780 713) and website (www.childcarrestraints.com.au) to provide information to the public.



For more information

For further information about WALGA's RoadWise Program:

Website: www.roadwise.asn.au

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Or contact your nearest Road Safety Advisor - details can be accessed from:
www.roadwise.asn.au/staff-contacts-regional.aspx

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