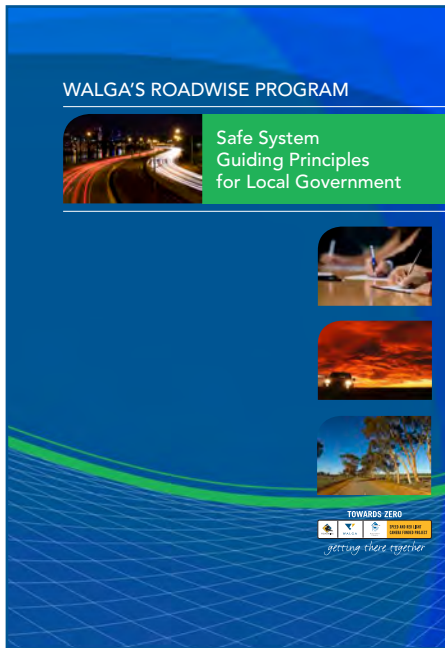


# Safe System Guiding Principles for Local Government



## What are the Safe System Guiding Principles for Local Government?

The guiding principles are a set of principles designed to guide and support Local Governments in embracing the Safe System approach to road safety. Guiding principles by definition are a set of systematically developed statements to assist organisations and individuals to make decisions about appropriate actions for certain circumstances<sup>1</sup>.

1. Adapted from Webster's Online Dictionary

## Why were the guiding principles developed?

Across Australia and WA the need for a more holistic view of road safety has been acknowledged which has led to a shift in thinking in the development of long term strategies. Both *Towards Zero*, WA's Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020 and the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 are based on the internationally recognised and evidence based Safe System approach to road safety. This approach was pioneered internationally in Sweden and the Netherlands which are among the leading countries in the world in terms of road safety performance.

When surveyed, Local Governments in WA indicated a need for guidance with regards to applying the Safe System approach at a local level. So in an effort to assist the Local Government sector in understanding and adopting the Safe System approach, a set of Local Government specific guiding principles were developed to provide a framework for consideration while formulating road safety strategies, plans and policies.

## How were the guiding principles developed?

The guiding principles have been developed and tailored for Local Governments using a consensus and validation process which involved a panel of specialists from the Local Government sector, together with interstate and international road safety professionals, and other relevant experts.

## How can the guiding principles help?

The guiding principles provide direction and a context with which to formulate strategies, plans and activities to improve road safety outcomes consistent with international best practice. The guiding principles build on past experience, work to add value to future activities and offer guidance to Local Governments in pursuit of innovation and effectiveness in the way they manage road safety.

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As seen in the diagram above, central to the Safe System Guiding Principles for Local Government is the overarching principle supported by six guiding principles.

## For more information

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