



SES urges motorists to play it safe this festive season

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Over this holiday period many Victorians will take to the roads, whether it is to visit family members and loved ones or to experience that perfect summer escape. The message Victoria SES would like to make remains the same: it is better to take your time, plan your trip, take regular breaks and ensure you arrive alive.

According to Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) Chief of Operations Trevor White, fatigue may seem innocent enough, but on the roads, it can kill or cause serious injury.

"While driver fatigue is not a criminal offence, it is just as dangerous as speeding or drink driving, and causes about 50 deaths and 300 serious injuries every year," Mr White said.

"Fatigue is also a likely factor in almost one quarter of single-vehicle crashes in rural areas."

Mr White implored Victorians to drive safely and take a good break from the road every two hours at a minimum.

This year's road toll up to December 18 stands at 270, a 2 per cent decrease on the same period in 2011.

SES has 150 volunteer units throughout Victoria and is the largest Road Rescue organisation in Australia, with 101 accredited to perform Road Rescue.

"Driver Reviver stops are an important aspect of our work at SES. It provides a safe place for motorists to rest, have a drink, change drivers or have a power nap away from passing traffic," Mr White said.

"Our volunteers are determined to make our roads safer; they would much rather serve you at a Driver Reviver site than pull you out of a crash somewhere down the road."

Driver Reviver sites will be operating throughout Victoria over the Christmas and New Year period. Full site operating details are listed below and can also be found on the SES website, along with a map and some handy tip for drivers at ses.vic.gov.au/driver-reviver

Driver Reviver Operating Sites and Times

Region	Site	Dates	Times
NE	Chiltern Iron Bark Rest Area, Hume Freeway	23 December	12 noon to 7pm
		6 January	12 noon to 7pm
SW	Coleraine Glenelg Hwy, 1km east of Coleraine	23-26 December	8am-9pm daily
		30 December - 2 January	8am-9pm daily

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Region	Site	Dates	Times
MW	Dimboola Lochiel Bridge Wayside Stop, Western Highway	20-27 December	8am-7pm daily
SW	Dunkeld Glenelg Highway, Dunkeld	21 December	3pm-10pm
		22 December	2pm-6pm
		24 December	2pm-10pm
		26 December	2pm-6pm
		31 December	2pm-6pm
		1 January	2pm-6pm
MW	Edenhope Wimmera Hwy, between Horsham & Naracoorte, next to Mobil Service Station	22 December	12 noon to 9pm
		23 December	10am-9pm
		31 December	10am-9pm
		1 January	10am-9pm
NE	Euroa North Bound Balmattum Rest Area, Hume Freeway	24 December	8am-4pm
		26 December	8am-4pm
SW	Lismore Power Nap Rest Area, near Post Office, Hamilton Highway	24-26 December	8.30am-9pm daily
		29-31 December	8.30am-9pm daily
East	Morwell Mobil Service Station, Princess Freeway, 5km east of Morwell	26 December	12 noon to 12 midnight
		27 December	12 midnight to 6pm
NE	Numurkah Goulburn Valley Highway, Wunghnu and Strathmerton	21 December	4pm to late
East	Orbost Newmerella Reserve, Princes Highway	26 December	From 9am
East	Wonthaggi Bass Highway, Kilcunda	26 December	12 noon to 12 midnight
		27 December	12 midnight to 12 noon

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