



## Transport for NSW Media Release

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### **Stick to the rules and don't risk your life and the lives of others**

Transport for NSW Chief of the Centre for Road Safety, Bernard Carlon is reminding all road users to refresh their knowledge of the road rules as Road Rules Awareness Week kicks off this week.

“Road Rules Awareness Week runs from August 21 to August 27; we all have a shared responsibility to make our roads safer – understanding and following the road rules is a part of it. It can help save lives and prevent serious injuries,” Mr Carlon said.

“There are around 350 road rules in NSW, so this week is a great time for road users to refresh their knowledge of the rules.

“The roads are used for different purposes and in different ways by different road users, so whether you're a driver, a cyclist or even a pedestrian - it's a great time to make sure you understand how the road rules apply to you.”

In 2022, many people returned to the roads following two years of COVID restrictions. This contributed to an increase in the road toll to 288 from the historic low of 275 recorded in 2021.

“Not following the road rules correctly or disregarding them, can result in serious injury or sadly death. One life lost is one life too many,” Mr Carlon said.

The Centre for Road Safety has developed easy to understand resources to help motorists with some of the most misunderstood road rules including:

- Giving way to pedestrians when turning
- Keeping left
- Mobile phone rules
- U-turns
- Giving way at roundabouts

- Safe following distances

For more information on Road Rules Awareness Week visit:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/roadrules>