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Plea to stay safe and alert on the roads this summer

RACT is reminding drivers to stay safe and alert on the roads as the busy Christmas season and summer holidays approach.

“With everything going on around you, it’s easy to get distracted from what you’re doing when you’re behind the wheel,” RACT Group CEO Mark Mugnaioni said.

“It only takes a split second of inattention, or a wrong decision, to ruin your life – and potentially the lives of others.

“At this time of year it’s more important than ever to be vigilant and make sure you are fit to drive – and that’s whether you’re tired, have been drinking, or are not in a good frame of mind.”

Mr Mugnaioni said children were also at risk at this time of year.

“Now school has finished, excited children will be around during the day and into the evening,” he said.

“They will often not be paying attention to where they are walking, or riding, and so drivers must keep an eye out and slow down in suburban areas.

“On Christmas day there will no doubt be a lot of new bikes, scooters, skateboards and roller skates being tested out, so it’s important to stay alert at this time as well.”

Mr Mugnaioni said Tasmania Police’s increased presence throughout the state through Operation Crossroads should act as a deterrent and remind drivers not to risk lives on the road.

He reiterated the importance of avoiding the fatal five – speeding, drinking/drugs, fatigue, not wearing seatbelts, and distraction.

“We want everyone to have a safe and happy festive season, no matter what they’re up to,” he said.

RACT Roadside patrols will continue to work throughout the holiday period and can be contacted on 13 11 11.

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