

# Road Safety Week QUIZ ANSWER SHEET

1. How many people died on roads in New Zealand in 2024?

**Answer: A: 293**

In 2024 293 people died as a result of a road crash in New Zealand.  
 [Source: Ministry of Transport / NZ Police]

2. What percentage of road deaths are from crashes involving a driver under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs?

**Answer: B: 38%**

[Source: Safety – annual statistics, Ministry of Transport, 2023]

3. Which country first adopted Vision Zero, which includes the Safe System approach to road safety now used in New Zealand?

**Answer: D: Sweden**

Vision Zero was adopted by Sweden in the 1990s as a new direction for road traffic safety. It includes the "Safe System" approach which aims to create shared responsibility for the better management of all parts of the road traffic system in order to address common errors and human vulnerabilities and avoid deaths and serious injuries.

4. What is the legal speed limit for passing a school bus when it is stopped?

**Answer: A: 20km/h** [Source: NZ Road Code]

Drivers must slow down to 20km/h when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off children.

5. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of death or serious injury in a crash by about ...

**Answer: D: 40%** [Source: NZTA]

Wearing a three-point seat belt significantly reduces your risk of being killed or seriously injured if you're involved in a crash, no matter where in the vehicle you're sitting. One of the easiest things you can do to help protect yourself and others is to make sure you, and everyone else in a vehicle with you, is wearing a seat belt. Securing luggage or other things in your vehicle so it's not thrown around in a crash is recommended too.

6. How many air bags does a vehicle need to get a 5-star safety rating?

**Answer: D: The number of air bags doesn't directly relate to a vehicle's safety rating.**

To get a 5-star overall safety rating vehicles need to be designed and manufactured to the highest safety standards, with key crash protection and crash avoidance features. Visit [Rightcar.govt.nz](http://Rightcar.govt.nz) for more information.

7. What do the following road signs mean?

**Answers:**

A.



Shared path for pedestrians and cyclists

B.



Pedestrian crossing ahead

C.



Variable speed limit

D.



Roadworks ahead

All of these signs provide advance notice to drivers, alerting them they may need to slow down or stop.

To find out more visit the NZTA or Drive websites, or check out the New Zealand Road Code.

8. If you drive distracted at 100km/h for two seconds, how far will you have travelled?

**Answer: B: 55.56m, which is about the length of an Olympic-sized swimming pool.**

9. What's the name of a crash avoidance feature that helps slow a vehicle if it detects a crash risk?

**Answer: D: Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB)**  
 [Source: NZTA website [Rightcar.govt.nz](http://Rightcar.govt.nz)]

Automatic Emergency Braking features use sensors or cameras to detect potential crashes and automatically apply the brakes if the driver doesn't react in time. AEB reduces the number and severity of injuries in head-on and rear-end crashes, which are among the most common types of crashes in New Zealand.

Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA), Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) and Lane Keeping Systems (LKS) are other crash avoidance features you can find out more about on [Rightcar.govt.nz](http://Rightcar.govt.nz).

10. What percentage of serious injury crashes are caused by drivers breaking the law and reckless behaviour?

**Answer: C: 29%** [Source: AA Research Foundation]

Less than a third of serious injury crashes are caused by reckless behaviour and drivers deliberately breaking the law. The other crashes are caused by drivers who simply made a mistake, but it resulted in a serious crash.