

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 in 251 fatal road crashes 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 being used in New Zealand?

Answer: D: Sweden

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

4. How often should drivers take a break to help avoid fatigue on long journeys?

C: Every two hours

This is recommended, or sooner if you notice any signs of fatigue before then (such as having trouble keeping your eyes open or repeatedly yawning or rubbing your eyes). No amount of willpower will keep you awake – so pull over somewhere safe and take a 15-minute power nap before you consider driving on.

5. A road safety hero is anyone who contributes to ensuring people can get to where they're going safely, no matter how they travel, or provides support to people following a crash.

Answer: True

Lots of different people are road safety heroes and work to help make our roads safer, such as emergency services personnel, health workers, road safety professionals, transport engineers, road workers, school road patrollers and community road safety campaigners.

And everyone – drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, cyclists, and pedestrians – can be a road safety hero, by doing what they can to help keep themselves and others safe on our roads.

6. 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.

7. What do the following road signs mean?

Answers:

A.



Look out for children

B.



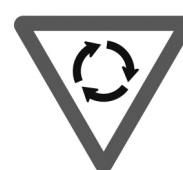
Variable speed limit

C.



Roadworks ahead

D.



Roundabout

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. Which of the following is a distraction at the wheel and takes your attention away from driving?

Answer: D: All of the above

Anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, and/or mind off the task of driving is a distraction and puts you at risk of being involved in a crash.

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

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.

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

Answer: C: 29%

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.