

Jun 30, 2016 11:41 BST

RAC comments on latest road casualty numbers

Commenting on [figures released today covering road casualties in Great Britain in 2015](#), RAC chief engineer David Bizley said:

“It’s a relief to see that fewer lives have been lost on our roads than in 2014 which showed a very unwelcome rise on the record low level of the year before. It is, however, worrying to see motorcycle fatalities are 8% up.

“While the latest figures indicate that the 2014 increase was an anomaly, concerted efforts are still needed to ensure we do not see any further rises in road fatalities in the coming years.

“We know casualty reduction targets have been ruled out by the Government, but simply aspiring to zero road deaths is unlikely to make the difference we need to see to bring the figures down further.

“There are some very clear areas of opportunity to reduce casualties which could easily be targeted. These include better traffic law enforcement as roads police numbers have fallen 27% since 2010, making the use of handheld phones whilst driving as socially unacceptable as drink-driving, lowering the drink-drive limit in the rest of the UK to match Scotland’s 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, and finally getting to grips with the high level of casualties involving young drivers.”

“Another straightforward step would be to make automatic emergency braking compulsory in all new vehicles.”

The press office email address is press.office@rac.co.uk and media centre is at media.rac.co.uk. **Please note:** the press office is unable to help with individual customer enquiries - please visit the [RAC contacts page](#) to find the right contact.

About the RAC

The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

Visit the [RAC website](#).

Contacts



RAC Press Office

Press Contact

press.office@rac.co.uk

Emails monitored during normal office hours. For breakdown queries, call 0330 159 0740

ISDN number on request