## Road deaths in Single Vehicle Collisions

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# 7,300

road users lost their lives in 2015 in SVCs in the EU

### SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISIONS



of road deaths happen in collisions involving only one <u>motorised</u> vehicle.

#### DEATHS IN SVC as a PROPORTION (%) OF ALL ROAD DEATHS



## **DEATHS IN SVC**

- 68% of deaths in SVC are car occupants
- 7% of deaths in SVC are lorry occupants
- Motorcyclist deaths are disproportionally high
- Mainly on rural roads
- Involving older cars

## REDUCTION IN DEATHS IN SVC vs DEATHS in MULTI MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS



-8%

#### Main causes of deaths in SVC

#### Drink or drug driving Distraction Speeding Fatigue Environmental conditions Unforgiving roadsides No seat-belt Infrastructure Young and inexperienced drivers

Technical failure of the vehicle

Suicides

### **ETSC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ✓ Human factors
- ✓ Vehicle safety
- ✓ Road design factors
- ✓ In-depth accident investigations

## **HUMAN FACTORS**



#### **Member States**

- Enforcement, enforcement, enforcement
- Introduce Graduated Driving Licence systems and stricter demerit points for newly licenced-drivers

## **VEHICLE SAFETY**

#### EU

- Fit all new vehicles with overridable Intelligent Speed Assistance, Automated Emergency Braking (AEB), advanced Seat Belt Reminders (SBR)
- Standards for alcohol interlocks
- Upgrade type approval collision tests to EuroNCAP requirements

## **Road design – Member States**



- Implement the Infrastructure Safety Management Directive on all main roads.
- Apply the concepts of "self-explaining and self-enforcing roads" and "forgiving roadsides".
- Ensure that barrier terminals at both ends are crashworthy.
- Design safer slopes and ditches to prevent rollovers, or put barriers in place.
- Set a target of upgrading roads to 3-star or better on all roads and 4-star or better on roads with high traffic volume.

## **ROAD DESIGN – EU**

Promote the safe system approach in Europe

Revise the Infrastructure Safety Management Directive

- Extend the application of the instruments of the Directive to cover all motorways and main rural and urban roads.
- Extend the rules to tunnels covered by the Tunnel Directive
  2004/54 and uphold the effects of the Tunnel Directive.
- Set up guidelines for the provision and maintenance of road markings and safety barriers.
- o Support common EU curricula for auditors and inspectors.

## IN-DEPTH ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION



#### **Member States**

- Conduct in-depth accident investigations in appropriate representative samples of collisions
- Apply the DaCoTA in-depth road accident investigation methodology to contribute to comparable data across the EU

#### EU

- Build up on the DaCoTA deliverable to create a pan-European indepth accident investigation database.
- Mandate Event Data Recorders (EDR) in all new vehicles and require the data to be made available for accident investigations