

Road Trauma Awareness – Bringing about change to Traffic Offenders

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In conjunction with the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, Road Trauma Support Services Victoria runs **Road Trauma Awareness Programs** for people who have been placed on a diversion order by the courts for minor traffic offences as well as part of an order for repeat offenders or those who have a mandated sentence. As well a **Youth Traffic Offenders Program** has been a unique collaboration between the Children's Courts, Youth Justice and RTSTV. It is aimed at high risk repeat offenders.

Magistrates Court Program - The program runs for two hours and combines a cognitive behaviour approach with reality-based learning. During the program participants hear directly from somebody directly impacted by road trauma and from a member of the emergency services.

The Youth Traffic Offenders Program is an innovative program and delivered over six weekly sessions. It looks at behaviour and the impact it has on others. The program aims to reduce recidivism and support young offenders in changing behaviour

Both programs have shown changes in participant's behaviour and a new sense of responsibility to driving

These 2 programs are designed to act as a deterrent to offending drivers, aiming to reduce recidivism, address the road toll and the broader impact of road trauma.