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Drivers urged to be safe this long weekend

The State's peak motoring body has urged motorists to take extra care on the roads this long weekend, following a spate of motor vehicle crashes.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said RACQ LifeFlight Rescue had already responded to 92 motor vehicle crashes across Queensland since the start of the year.

"Long weekends are high risk times on the roads and given the number of serious crashes the rescue helicopter service has already attended it's a timely reminder to all drivers about the importance of road safety," Ms Ross said.

"There's going to be a lot of people hitting the road over the three-day break and drivers need to make sure they're up to the challenge of driving before getting behind the wheel."

RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Chief Operating Officer Brian Guthrie said motor vehicle incidents are one of the most common primary missions our crews attend.

"The Fatal Five – drink driving, speeding, fatigue, distraction, speeding – are the five most common causes of deaths on our roads and all of them are avoidable," Mr Guthrie said.

"Our LifeFlight crews will be on standby 24/7 over the long weekend to respond to a range of serious accidents and illnesses but we're urging travellers to take extra care."

"We want this Labour Day weekend to be quiet and for our helicopters to be left on standby in the hangars."

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RACQ is Queensland's largest club and peak independent motoring organisation. We were formed in 1905 to represent the interests of the State's first motorists and today campaign for safer drivers, vehicles and roads on behalf of the 1.7 million members who own the Club. We offer those members a vast range of motoring, insurance, banking, entertainment and travel services and benefits, and each year respond to more than a million calls for roadside assistance.