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## Batteries suffer from Monday-itis, too: RACQ

New RACQ research has revealed Queensland motorists were more likely to cop a flat battery on a Monday, than any other day of the week.

The latest data found, between January and June this year, RACQ Roadside Assistance patrols were most often called to jumpstart batteries on Mondays. The research also revealed the period between 8am and 12pm was the most common time for a call out, with almost 13,500 battery issues reported during those hours.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said drivers often discovered flat batteries when they hadn't started their car for a long period of time.

"There's nothing more frustrating than turning the keys in the ignition and having nothing happen – and when you're rushing to start your day, it's even worse," Ms Ross said.

"Flat batteries usually occur when a car is left stationary, if you've been away on a trip, or have been using other means to get around like another car or public transport.

Ms Ross said RACQ had been called to jump start or replace a total of 32,246 batteries across Queensland in the first six months of 2018.

"Don't wait until you're heading off to work or out to an appointment to have to call for help – make sure you get it looked into at the first sign of a sluggish or struggling battery," she said.

Ms Ross reminded drivers switching off battery draining features would minimise the risk of returning to a flat battery.

"When you park your car make sure accessories are disabled, all internal lights are switched off at the door is properly closed. And remember, if you get stuck, call us on 13 11 11."

### Flat battery call outs between 8am and 12pm, January and June 2018:

Brisbane	6123	Gladstone	134	Hervey Bay	254
Sunshine Coast	1866	Rockhampton	365	Maryborough	237
Gold Coast	2352	Emerald	25	Gympie	277
Toowoomba	304	Mackay	291	Townsville	446
Cairns	418				

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