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## Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> the most dangerous day on road

The State's peak motoring body has warned Queenslanders to take care on the roads today as RACQ data revealed Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the most dangerous day of the year to be behind the wheel.

RACQ spokesperson Clare Hunter said claims data from more than 53,000 crashes between 1 November 2015 and 31 October 2018 found the last day of the working week was the riskiest in Queensland.

"Today, it's the triple threat. Friday is the most common day of the week to have a crash and the 18<sup>th</sup> is the most common day of the month for collisions. Combine that with plenty of traffic around, with many people now back at work after Christmas and others still on road trips, it could spell disaster," Ms Hunter said.

"While we should always drive safely, we're urging all motorists to take extra care today, especially because there are still so many families travelling around.

"In particular, if you're covering long distances this afternoon, be on high alert, with 3pm–4pm the time you're most likely to have a crash.

"This might be because we're tired in the afternoons or because there may be more traffic about – but it's so important to keep your wits about you and avoid a crash."

Ms Hunter urged those traveling long distances to observe the Fatal Five.

"Take regular breaks so you're not fatigued and avoid any on-road distractions. Don't speed or drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and make sure everyone is buckled up."

### Number of car crashes by day of the week (1 November 2015 and 31 October 2018):

1. Friday – 9,151 crashes
2. Wednesday – 8,880 crashes
3. Thursday – 8,699 crashes
4. Tuesday – 8,317 crashes
5. Monday – 7,478 crashes
6. Saturday – 6,164 crashes
7. Sunday – 4,398 crashes.

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