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Leave the car at home this New Year's Eve

RACQ is reminding Queenslanders to plan their travel early this New Year's Eve to avoid the temptation of getting behind the wheel or jumping on an e-scooter if they've been drinking alcohol.

Club spokesperson Tristan Vorias said drink and drug drivers were to blame for far too many fatalities this year.

"2022 will be our worst road toll in more than a decade and as we head into the new year, we all need to make a commitment to do better, to go forward and bring down this shocking road toll," Mr Vorias said.

"Speeding has been the main cause of deaths on our roads this year and fatal crashes involving drink and drug drivers isn't far behind.

"People have a choice to do the right thing, to speed or not to speed, to get behind the wheel drunk or not. These deaths are about choice and they are avoidable."

Mr Vorias said if you're having a few drinks over the weekend, make sure you put in the effort to plan how you're getting home.

"It's simple, if you're drinking this weekend, leave the car at home. There are so many alternatives – use public transport, grab a taxi or ride share, carpool with someone who isn't drinking or stay at a friend's place," he said.

"All modes of public transport across south east Queensland will be free from 8pm on 31 December until 5:30am on New Year's Day and there'll be additional bus and train services available.

"Remember there are rail line closures on the Gold Coast and Beenleigh to consider when planning your journey due to Cross River Rail works. These will be in place until Monday 2 January so check the [Translink](#) website for more information.

"Wherever you are in Queensland, please check [RACQ's Road Conditions](#) website before you head off.

"The safety message applies to all road users, whether it be drivers, e-scooter riders, cyclists or pedestrians, please plan ahead and make good decisions – not ones that could cost you or someone else their life."

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