



Ride or drive for work? You can shape Scotland's approach to road safety.

Road safety and driving or riding for work go hand in hand.

Employers across Scotland and indeed the wider world can develop an understanding of how to manage road related risks, sharing lessons learned.

Employers in Scotland are supported by the Scottish Occupational Road Safety Alliance ([ScORSA](#)) to develop and embed a safe systems approach to managing road related risks. Their focus is data driven, of the 29 work related deaths in Scotland during 2018-19 a total of 18 were driving related. That's 18 families, 18 workplaces and 18 communities which have changed for ever.

Driving is a routine activity for many of us, but for those of us who drive for work it is the most dangerous thing we do. Driving risk is one which should be managed as you would any other risk to your organisation such as working at height or making sure a machine is properly guarded and maintained.

During lockdown, key and essential workers have continued to drive for work, and the increase in home delivery drivers including in the gig economy has been significant. ScORSA has continued to support those who drive for work by providing opportunities to discuss journey planning, safety critical vehicle check and fitness to drive.

Each of these elements are blended into the consultation document '[Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030](#)' which aims for Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world.

You can help us move forward towards this aim by taking two actions:

1. Join ScORSA

ScORSA is the only dedicated source of free information, guidance and advice in relation to the management of occupational road risk specifically aimed at enterprises based in Scotland. The team may be home-based at the moment but we are here to support you.

ScORSA membership is not limited to individuals and organisations based in Scotland. Indeed we would like to foster a truly global network as there are no geographical boundaries when it comes to saving lives.

2. Respond to Transport Scotland's Road Safety consultation

The second opportunity is for you to shape the way forward through responding to the Transport Scotland road safety framework [consultation](#). Share what works for you through the consultation and speak up for the changes you would like to see.

By taking these steps you can help alter the pattern of work-related road casualties.

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You can respond to Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 [here](#)