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Tens of thousands of QLD drivers caught running red lights

RACQ has slammed dangerous drivers who have been caught running red lights more than 30,000 times across the State in a single year.

Queensland Police Service data obtained by RACQ also revealed the worst intersections for red light runners in 2021, with the Gold Coast Highway and Margaret Avenue at Broadbeach taking out the unenviable top spot.

RACQ Spokesperson Tristan Vorias said it was extremely disappointing to see so many motorists risking their lives and the lives of others.

“Ignoring a red light is one of the most dangerous decisions any driver can make and yet, on average, a motorist was caught running a red light every 17 minutes in Queensland last year,” Mr Vorias said.

“You’re not only running the risk of crashing into other motorists, but also our most vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists.”

Two intersections on Ipswich Road came in second and third place with the Cornwall Street intersection at Woolloongabba and the Venner Road intersection at Annerley recording 1,547 and 1,194 fines, respectively.

Mr Vorias said a significant number of motorists were also caught breaking the law in regional Queensland.

“The intersection of Moores Creek Road, High Street and Alexandra Street in Rockhampton caught 690 motorists running red lights, and the Bruce Highway and Coombs Street intersection in Cairns recorded 517,” Mr Vorias said.

“Already we’ve seen more than 160 people die on Queensland roads this year and we are tragically on track to surpass last year’s road toll.

“Motorists need to stop risking lives just to save a few seconds. They need to be prepared to slow or stop when approaching traffic signals and treat yellow lights as though they are red.”

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Top 15 intersections for red light camera infringement notices issued in QLD in 2021

Location	Red Light Notices Issued	Notices per 1,000 Vehicles
Gold Coast Hwy, Broadbeach, at i/s with Margaret Ave	1,636	0.47
Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba, at i/s with Cornwall St	1,547	0.40
Ipswich Rd, Annerley, at i/s with Venner Rd	1,194	0.18
Leopard St, Woolloongabba, at i/s with Stanley St	1,132	0.16
Rose St, Woolloowin, at i/s with Dawson St	1,038	0.81
Gold Coast Hwy, Tugun, at i/s with Stewart Rd	985	0.26
Kingston Rd, Waterford West, at i/s with Muchow Rd	901	0.26
Kumbari Ave, Southport, at i/s with Smith St	825	0.37
Strathpine Rd, Bald Hills, at i/s with Bald Hills Rd	704	0.15
Lutwyche Rd, Lutwyche, at i/s with Norman St/Perry St	696	0.09
Moores Creek Rd, Park Avenue (Rockhampton) at i/s with High St/Alexandra St	690	0.18
Duke St, Annerley, at i/s with Juliette St	632	0.16
Lutwyche Rd, Kedron, at i/s with Kedron Park Rd (Lanes 1, 2 & 3)	568	0.07
Beaudesert Rd, Calamvale, at i/s with Compton Rd	535	0.09
Bruce Hwy, Mt Sheridan (Cairns), at i/s with Coombs St	517	0.08

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