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Most common time for car crashes revealed: RACQ

RACQ has warned motorists to take extra care on the roads today after new data revealed drivers were more likely to have a car crash on Fridays than on any other day of the week.

Club spokesperson Lucinda Ross said RACQ's insurance claims data, from January 2017 to December 2019 showed Friday afternoons were the most common day and time of the week for crashes, with the 6th the most common date in the month.

"Statistically, today is an incredibly dangerous day on Queensland roads. The most common day and date for crashes have aligned, creating the perfect storm," Ms Ross said.

"On average, almost 3,000 more crashes occur on a Friday compared to the other days of the week and 200 more crashes occur on the 6th compared to other dates.

"We won't have this potentially risky combination again until November this year."

Ms Ross said the most common time of day for crashes was between 3pm and 4pm.

"This time is busy because of after-school pick-up and some commuters have already started the journey home from work and roads are more congested," she said.

"Commuters can also be impacted by fatigue in the afternoon, or what's commonly referred to as an 'after-lunch slump.'"

Ms Ross encouraged motorists to drive safely and to conditions all year round, no matter what day or time they were on the road.

"A commitment to driving safely is the most important thing for motorists to consider every time they get behind the wheel," she said.

"If it's busy on the roads, slow down, pack your patience and concentrate on reaching your destination safely.

"That's far more important than being a few minutes late."

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