

Road incident support and education

Amber Community is a not-for-profit organisation working to reduce the incidence and impact of road trauma.



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Counselling and support

Amber Community provides free of charge counselling, information and peer support programs to more than 3,000 Victorians impacted by road trauma every year.

Counselling is provided to people impacted by transport trauma irrespective of when the collision occurred. Clients include bereaved families, friends and colleagues; injured people and their carers; drivers and passengers; witnesses and emergency service workers.

You do not need a referral to access our services. To make an appointment with one of our counsellors, call **1300 367 797**.

Education

Amber Community is committed to educating and raising community awareness about road safety and how road trauma impacts lives. A vital part of this educational work is sharing the 'lived experience' of road incidents and finding the 'why' behind the need for change. We work with community groups, schools, workplaces, and risky drivers on our roads and design programs to meet these diverse groups' needs. We believe that no one should have to experience road trauma. Our unique road safety programs reach thousands of people each year to have road safety at the core of every business and community - and shift community norms to embrace a safe system.

Programs delivered also work with grief, loss, trauma, and well-being strategies for staff exposed to road trauma, such as emergency services and communities affected by road incidents, including debriefing.

Regional coordinators collaborate with local communities to provide flexible programs and activities to address local road issues, and all programs are delivered locally by local people.



Supporters

We are very grateful for the support we receive from key road safety partners including the Transport Accident Commission, Victoria Police, Department of Transport, the Department of Justice and the Victorian Government.

We also rely on community support to continue our vital services and we are deeply indebted to our many donors, supporters and volunteers who support our organisation.

Shine a Light on Road Safety

Shine a Light on Road Safety is a community awareness road safety campaign. It is our major annual fundraiser where we seek support from the community, our sponsors, and partners for additional funds to enhance our work with people impacted by road trauma.

On the first Sunday in May, we join together for a community walk at Albert Park Lake, Melbourne, to demonstrate our shared commitment to road safety. The walk is a very special occasion to come together in mutual support, to advocate for safer roads and raise funds to support our work. We aim to make it a meaningful and positive experience.

Time for Remembering

Time for Remembering has been held at Parliament House on the third Sunday in November, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Trauma Victims since 2001. It allows attendees to commemorate the lives of loved ones lost on our roads, celebrates their lives and gives thanks for those who survived. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to those agencies and individuals who work tirelessly to reduce road trauma.



Our community

Here are some ways to help and connect with people affected by road trauma:

- Tell your family and friends about the free counselling services at Amber Community.
- Like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter, or join our mailing list.
- Join us for our annual Shine a Light on Road Safety campaign or Time for Remembering ceremony.
- Get involved in shaping our future by becoming a member of Amber Community.
- Share your lived experience, volunteer with us, and influence change.

Support our work

The trauma that results from a fatal or serious collision can happen to anyone at any time. Each dollar donated helps us provide vital services to all Victorians who are impacted. Please consider making a donation today.

We reinvest all funds in our programs and work hard to make sure that the resources entrusted to us are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Please call 1300 367 797 or visit www.ambercommunity.org.au for further information or assistance.

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