

AMBER COMMUNITY

Workplace road safety program



Amber Community is a not-for-profit statewide organisation contributing to the safety and wellbeing of road users. We provide counselling and support to people impacted by road trauma, and address the attitudes and behaviours of road users through education.

UNIQUE SERVICES

Amber Community provides free counselling, support, education and peer support programs to more than 3,000 Victorians impacted by road trauma each year.

A single road incident can have many ripple effects within the community. Our clients include bereaved families, friends and colleagues; injured people and their carers; drivers and passengers; witnesses and emergency service workers who are first-on-scene.

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Road crashes are the most common cause of work related fatalities, injuries and absences from work in Australia.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Amber Community's educational programs addressing the risks and long term consequences of road trauma reach more than 2,000 drivers each year. Using restorative justice principles, participants are guided by a professional educator to identify and evaluate their own driving behaviours, hear first-hand from volunteers who have experienced road trauma and discuss driving choices.

These programs have the support of Victoria Police, The Magistrates' Court of Victoria and the Monash University Accident Research Centre.



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ROAD INCIDENT
SUPPORT & EDUCATION



“Excellent session. Presentation hit home with both speakers providing both emotional and hard hitting facts. I have thought about this presentation each time I’ve driven since.” Attendee at one of our programs

REDUCING WORK RELATED CRASHES

Amber Community has developed a workplace educational program to assist organisations serious in supporting their staff to drive more responsibly and safely.

The aim of the program is to reduce work related motor vehicle crashes and other related incidents that impact on worker safety, property damage, insurance claims and premiums.

The program uses the proven Road Trauma Awareness Seminar program model that we’ve been running since 2004. It is based on a sound theoretical model of restorative justice principles and three psychological models:

1. Narrative Discourse
2. Experiential Learning
3. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

It encourages behavioural change through a process of education, reflection and prevention.

Participants confront and evaluate their own belief systems; hear first-hand stories from volunteer and emergency services speakers who have experienced road trauma; and discuss driving choices.

Our program aligns with the Victorian Government’s Safe System approach to improve driver attitudes and behaviours, to support safer road user behaviour.

The program addresses a range of areas including:

- Driver attitudes and behaviours

- Interactive, exploring risks and responsible driving practices
- Causes of crashes
- Impact of crashes and trauma on family, friends, colleagues and the community.

BENEFITS

The benefits of organisations include:

- Increased awareness of the consequences of lack of focus when driving
- Greater awareness of the impact of crashes on family, friends, work and the community
- Reduced incident rate
- Reduced work cover claims
- Reduced insurance claims
- Positive attitude from staff about employer safety awareness.

COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT

Amber Community also offers counselling and support services free of charge to people who has been impacted by a road incident. Our clients include bereaved family members, friends and colleagues, injured people and their carers, drivers, drivers families’, passengers, witnesses, people first on scene and emergency service workers.

CONTACT

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