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Fatal road collisions caused by distraction, impairment and speed at ten-year high - RAC reaction

Following the publication today of [new official Government statistics on road casualties](#), RAC road safety spokesperson Rod Dennis said:

“Confirmation that last year saw a rise in the number of casualties on our roads – and that men are so much more likely to be involved – is a chilling reminder that there remains so much work to do to improve road safety in the UK, even if statistically we have some of the safest roads in

Europe. The data shows there were more fatal collisions last year than at any point over the last decade caused by drivers or riders being distracted, impaired (458 lives lost) or breaking the speed limit (303 lives lost).

“It’s time the Government turned the dial up on tackling these issues which, while complex, result in hundreds of people losing their lives every year. We also continue to urge the Government to treat this issue with the upmost seriousness by reintroducing casualty reduction targets which were scrapped in 2010.”

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