

RoadPeace Parliamentary Manifesto

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RoadPeace calls on the next government to:

End the discrimination against road crash victims

1. Road traffic casualties treated as victims of road traffic crime, until the contrary is proven.
2. Victims of road traffic crime have the same rights to support and information as other victims of crime.
3. Driving offences that cause injury qualify as notifiable crime; this would make traffic law enforcement a greater priority for the police.

Our streets cannot be made safe until our justice system is fairer.

Changes we want:

For Victims of road crashes

- ▶ MOJ's Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (Victims' Code) to apply to all those injured by those breaking the law on the road.
- ▶ As should any Victims' Law that is introduced.
- ▶ Victims should have the right to review charging decisions by the police.
- ▶ Police and Crime Commissioners required to fund support services for victims of road traffic crime.
- ▶ Road traffic crime victims represented on the MOJ's Victim Panel.

For Road deaths caused by law breaking

- ▶ Government to extend its definition of homicide to include culpable road deaths.
- ▶ National Homicide support service extended to families bereaved by crashes with caseworkers assigned.
- ▶ ACPO Homicide Working group extended to include culpable road deaths, or establish a Road Death Working Group.
- ▶ At minimum, all charges of causing death by driving heard in the Crown Court.

For road traffic crime

- ▶ Home Office include driving offences that cause injury in their definition of notifiable crime, raising their priority for the police.
- ▶ Police extend 'Track my crime' reporting system to include 'Track my crash'.
- ▶ Government report the number of people killed and injured by law breaking drivers.
- ▶ National crime surveys to include intimidation and injury on the roads.
- ▶ Government's criminal justice strategy (Transforming Criminal Justice) to end the systematic neglect of road crash victims.

None of the above is happening now. Will your MP help to end the discrimination against road crash victims?

Ask your MP to join the APPG for Justice on Our Roads

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