

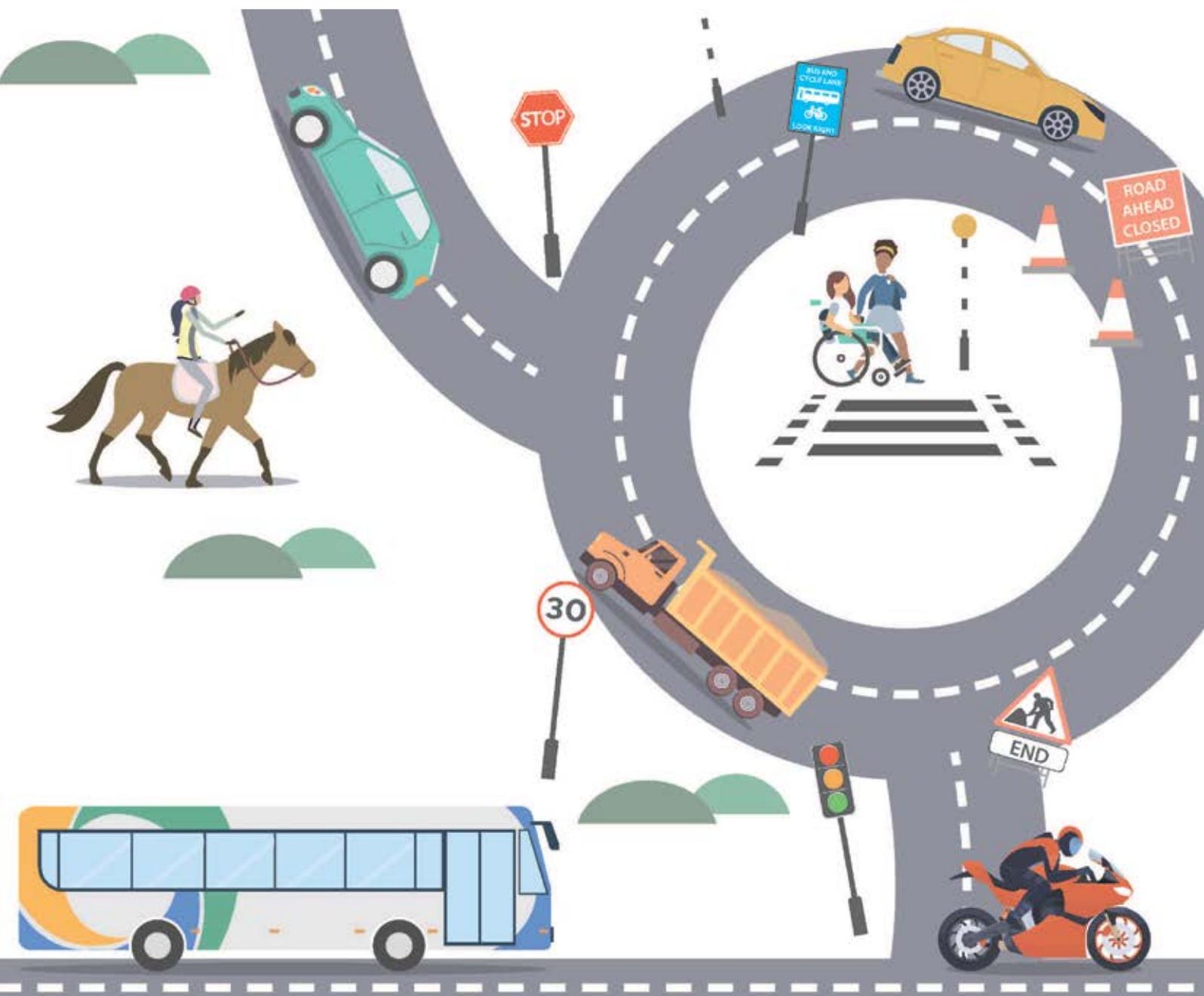


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About this plan



We want to make roads in Wales safer.

Our goal is to:



- Have fewer deaths and serious injuries on roads.



- Make transport better for everyone.



- Get more people to use transport that is better for the planet.

We will focus on the safety of:



- People walking



- Cyclists



- Motorbike riders

- Horse riders



- Wheeling

- Disabled people



- Children

- Young people



- Older people

How we made this plan



In early 2023, we asked Agilysis, a road safety expert, to review our old plan.



They spoke to different groups and people.



People shared their views on road safety issues through workshops, and surveys.



We have linked this plan with other transport plans and important laws.

Working together



We will work closely with partners. This includes health, safety, the environment, education and social justice.



Social justice means making sure everyone is treated fairly and has the same chances in life.



By working together, we can make roads safer for everyone in Wales.

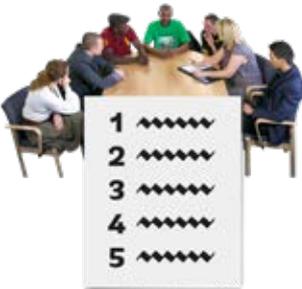
Having a new work structure



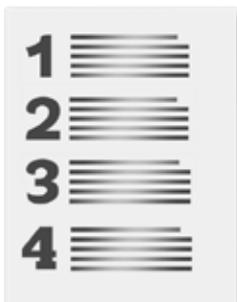
A new structure will help manage road safety. The structure will be made of:



Strategic Partnership Board: Approve the work every year. The board will be led by the Minister responsible for transport.



National Partnership Group: Sets targets, reviews work, and coordinates work. They are helped by a data group and a communications group.



Component groups: These are groups which will focus on 4 areas – roads and speeds, vehicles, road users, and crash response.



Existing groups: Many groups already work on road safety. Some groups will be invited to join the new road safety structure.

Our Vision



This plan is based on **Vision Zero**. **Vision Zero means:**



- No one should die or be seriously hurt on roads.



- Roads should be planned and designed to keep everyone safe.



- Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Vision Zero will help us build healthy, strong communities where:



- Children can walk safely to school.



- Cycling and wheeling is safer.



- Local businesses can grow, and people feel less afraid of traffic.

Safe system



We are using the Safe System to help guide our work to make roads safer.



The Safe System has 6 main ideas:

1. People make mistakes



People make mistakes. But mistakes should not cause death or serious injury. We need a system that lowers the impact of mistakes.

2. People can get easily hurt



Our bodies can be badly hurt in crashes. People walking, wheeling, cycling, or on motorbikes are most at risk. Children and older people can easily get hurt.



3. Death and serious injury are not acceptable

No one should die or be seriously hurt on our roads.



4. We are all responsible

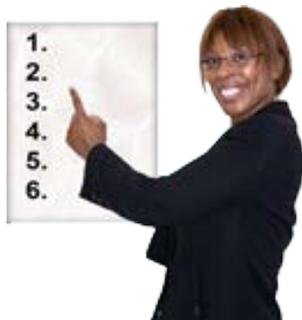
Everyone has a role in road safety. This includes people who design, maintain, and use roads, especially those who drive vehicles.

We plan ahead to make roads safe. We look for risks before crashes happen and fix them.



5. Act before problems happen

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6. Safety works best when all parts work together

Safe roads need all parts working together:

- Safe speeds
- Safe roads
- Safe vehicles
- Safe road users
- Good help after crashes

5 actions of the Safe System

There are 5 main areas of work we will focus on to make roads safer:



1. Safe roads and roadsides

Roads should be designed to prevent crashes and people getting hurt.



2. Safe speeds

Speeds should match the road, the traffic, and the people using them.



3. Safe road users

All road users should know the rules and travel safely.



4. Safe vehicles

Vehicles should protect people inside and outside the vehicle. Vehicles must be checked and maintained so they are safe.



5. Post-crash response

Emergency services must reach crashes quickly. People should get good medical care and support for their mental health and other issues after crashes.

For the Safe System to work well, we must make sure everything works together. For example:



- Everyone must work together to make roads safer.



- We need new ideas and funding to improve safety.



- We review and improve laws to deliver the Safe System.



- People who use, manage, or design roads must follow standards.



- Roads, vehicles, and technology must be designed for safety.



- We teach people about safe road use. We run campaigns and provide guidance for everyone.



- The law must be followed. Dangerous behaviour is punished. Law and rules must be fair and consistent.



- We check road safety regularly. We use this information to improve the system.

Our priorities

Make roads safer and manage speeds

Key actions:



- Review how speed is managed using speed limits, safer roads, education, and policing.



- Help people follow the 20 miles per hour speed limits in villages, towns and cities.



- Improve streets to support walking, wheeling and cycling.



- Keep roads and pavements well maintained.



- Design roads so they match the speed limit.



- Separate traffic and people where possible.



- Use Safe System ideas in all road planning and works.



- Use information and new technology to prevent crashes.

Make vehicles safer with new technology

Key actions:



- Buy the safest vehicles for public services.



- Support new drivers to introduce safety technology into their vehicles.



- Promote regular maintenance and safety ratings of vehicles.



- Support couriers and delivery drivers and riders to drive safely.



- Find ways to lower risks from tiredness and unsafe driving.



- Work with DVSA and police to make sure vehicles are safe to use on roads. DVSA is a government agency. They carry out driving tests. They approve people to be driving instructors and MOT testers. They do roadside checks on drivers, buses and lorries.



- Work with UK Government to promote new safety technologies for cars and motorcycles.



- Encourage organisations to run safe vehicles and employ safe drivers.



- Work with UK Government to make sure driverless vehicles will be safe on our roads.

Teach safe road use and protect people at risk

Key actions:



- Promote road safety as everyone's responsibility.



- Promote safer driving laws and licensing. Review current road safety laws.



- Use technology to find unsafe driving. For example, not using seatbelt or using phones when driving.



- Promote safe driving for work.



- Teach children about road safety and active travel in schools.



- Support the UK Government to make vehicle safety rules. For example, eyesight checks, taking breaks, drug and alcohol testing.



- Stop illegal e-scooter and e-bike use.



- Support the UK Government to lower drink-drive limits. Help make drug-driving punishment quicker.



- Improve road safety training for children.



- Improve road safety learning for adults.

Improve emergency care, support victims and families. Learn from accidents to make roads safer

Key actions:



- Emergency services to work closely with others in road safety.



- Improve reporting of injuries across Wales.



- Improve emergency response times.



- Promote eCall to get help faster. eCall is a system in cars. It calls the emergency services if there is a crash. It tells them where the car is.



- Find out new ways to give emergency help. For example, training people how to respond in emergencies.



- Make clear healthcare plans for people injured in crashes.



- Check how services can work together to better understand serious crashes.



- Offer emotional support to victims, families, and emergency teams.

Goals



We also want to:

- Lower deaths and serious injuries for all road users.



- Lower deaths and serious injuries for children, young people, and older people.



Along with the main goals, we have other goals for road safety.

We want to:



- Reduce traffic pollution.



- Encourage more walking, wheeling and cycling.



- Help more people use roads independently. This includes disabled people.



We will agree how to measure these goals in the first year.

What happens next

We will:



- Set up a system to support road safety.



- Help everyone work together.



- Make a structure to guide the plan.



- Set safety targets.



- Encourage walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport.



- Check how we are doing with road safety every year and do a big review every 5 years.



- Work with UK and other governments to share best ideas.



- Help businesses and drivers be safer.



- Share up-to-date safety data.



- Teach people about road safety.



- Share data between partners.



- Make a plan for work related driving safety.



- Work with Fire and Rescue Services to prevent crashes.



- Support the running of GoSafe.

GoSafe Cymru is a partnership of police, local authorities, and the Welsh Government. They work together to make roads in Wales safer.