Play it safe this festive season

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Territorians are being reminded to play it safe this Festive Season as Police ramp up surveillance of the Territory’s highways and waterways.

Minister for Police and Transport Peter Chandler said no family wants to have a loved one missing this Christmas because of bad decisions made on our roads, on the water or even in our pubs.

“I plead with each and every Territorian. Ask yourself - is your car road ready? Who’s your Sober Bob? How will you avoid the fatal five of speed, fatigue, drink and drug driving, distraction, not wearing a seatbelt,” Mr Chandler said.

“It is tragic that we are launching this campaign against the backdrop of yet another fatality on the Territory’s roads. That brings the total so far to 43, which is absolutely unacceptable.

“Each year many Territorians drive long distances to visit friends and family throughout the Territory and the rest of Australia.

“The best Christmas present Territory families can get this year would be no more deaths, no more injuries, and no more accidents. Take water, spare tyres, radiator hoses and fan belts, inform people of your route and timeframes and call someone on your arrival to let them know you’re safe.

“No-one wants to be a killjoy at Christmas, but the same level of caution should apply to anyone planning to go out on the water. Check everyone has a lifevest, check the conditions and check you have the right equipment.

Free vehicle health checks will be available for all motorists at Bunnings Bagot Road on Saturday 5 December from 9am – 1pm.

Be sure to check if the roads you’ll be driving on will be safe, visit www.roadreport.nt.gov.au to check the condition.

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