



VCTA Conference

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Bus safety

- Bus Safety Act
- Registered bus operators – safety performance
 - › safety audit and compliance inspection – common deficiencies
 - › incident statistics
- Responsibility of community groups that hire or loan buses
- Heavy vehicle fatigue law and registered bus operators
- Rewarding good safety performance
- Questions / TSV contact details

Bus Safety Act 2009

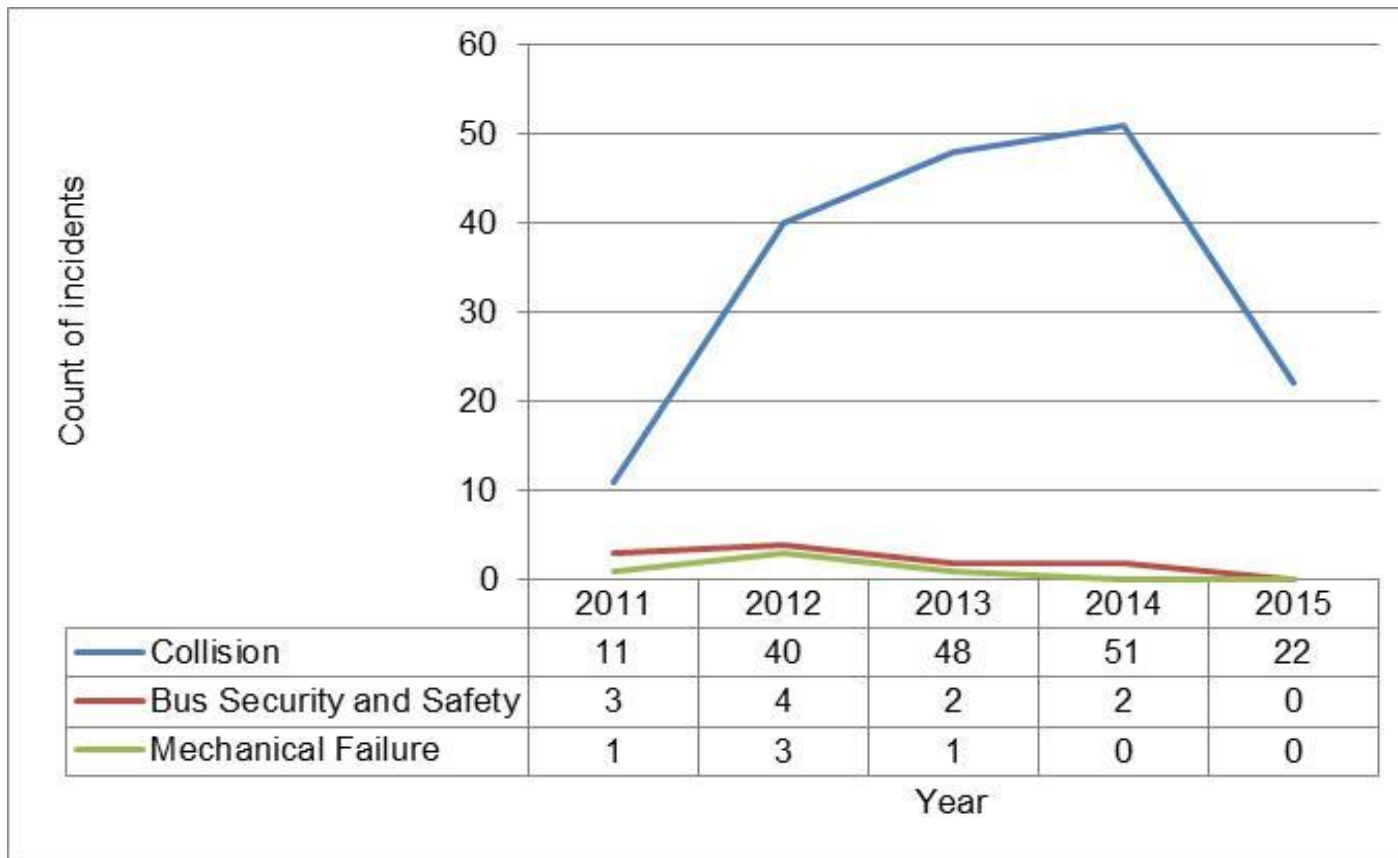
- Safety duties – operators, safety workers, procurers and persons responsible for bus stops / bus stopping points
- Accredited bus operators / Registered bus operators
- New bus definition
- Accredited bus operators
 - › Must demonstrate competence (SMC) and capacity (MIS / MMS) to ensure SFAIRP the safety of their bus service
 - › Application and annual fees and disqualifying offences
 - › Annual bus safety inspections
- Registered bus operators
 - › No MIS/MMS / no fees / no disqualifying offences
 - › Alcohol and drug policy / report incidents / notify changes in circumstances
 - › Annual bus safety inspections
- Registered bus operators and probationary drivers
 - › Driver to hold full driver licence for category of bus unless approval for probationary driver has been obtained from TSV (BSA s22(5B) – 60 penalty units)

Registered bus operators – safety performance

- Safety audits / compliance inspections – common deficiencies
 - › Out of date fire extinguisher (BSR 8 – 10 penalty units)
 - › Bus tested by a licenced vehicle tester instead of a **licensed bus tester**
 - › Failure to notify incidents (BSA s65 – 50 penalty units) / 72 hour written report
 - › Failure to notify changes in circumstances
 - › No fatigue management in place for “light bus” (records / driver work diary)
 - › No school bus lights and signs on buses providing a school bus service (BSR 7 – 20 penalty units)
 - › Failure to develop, maintain and implement an alcohol and drug management policy (BSA s67 – 240 / 1200 penalty units)
 - › Passenger safe carrying capacity notices (only applies to buses with seating positions for 13 or more adults including driver)

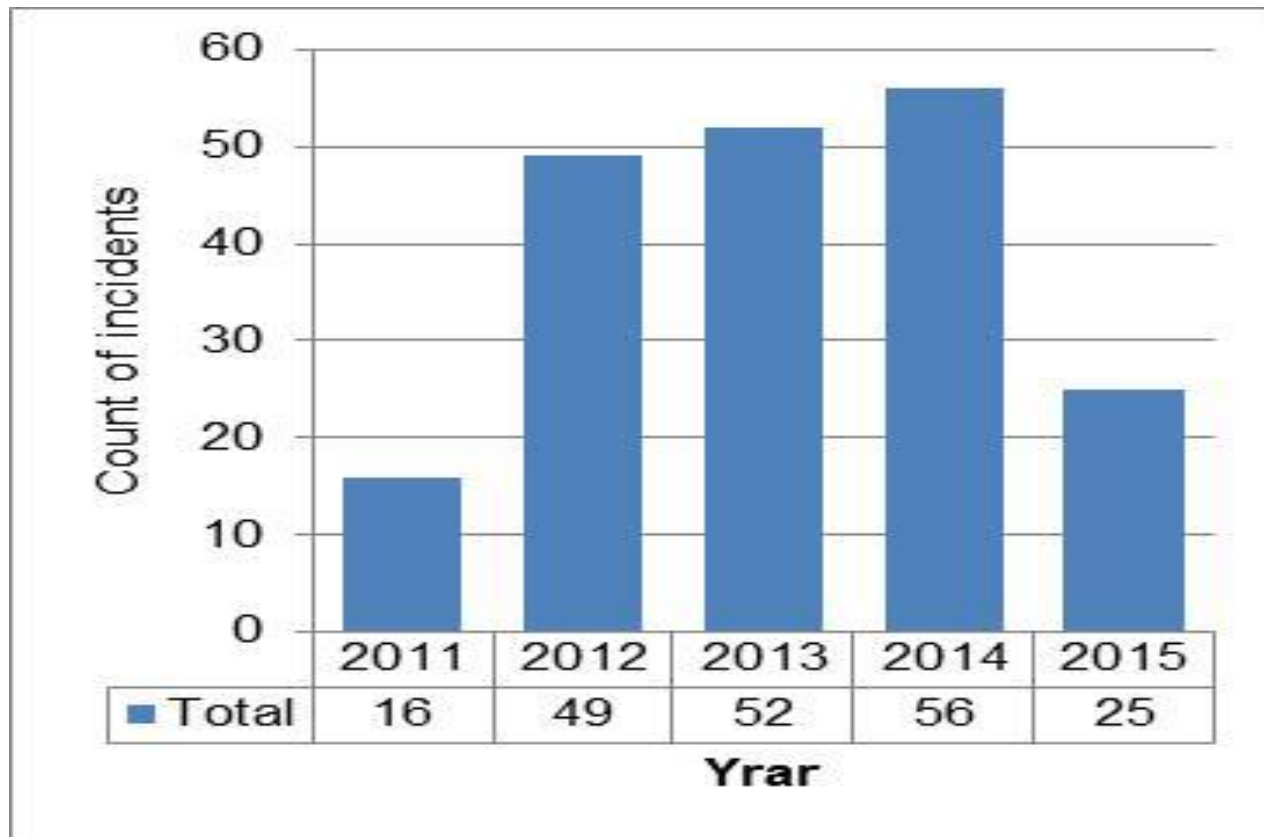
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Incident statistics - Top three occurrence types for community & private bus services since commencement of the BSA in 2011



Registered bus operators – safety performance

Incident statistics - Year by year occurrence numbers for community & private bus service since commencement of the BSA in 2011



Community groups hiring / loaning buses

- Responsibility to be registered attaches to the operator of the bus service
- Operating a community and private bus service without registration risks 60 / 300 penalty units (BSA s22A)

Heavy vehicle fatigue law

- Heavy Vehicle National Law (Queensland)
 - › National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
 - VicRoads / VicPol

- Fatigue-regulated bus
 - › >12 seating positions including driver
 - › >4.5 tonnes GVM

- Road Safety Act 1986 (Vic)
 - › Part 10A – Fatigue management of light buses
 - › Light bus – a bus with a GVM of 4.5 tonnes or less

- HVL Chapter 6
 - › 100km work and 100km+ work
 - › Standard hours , BFM and AFM
 - › Driver work diaries

Rewarding good safety performance

- Project to identify ways to reward operators who show good safety performance
- Ideas received from the bus industry so far
 - › Public recognition via certificates / star ratings
 - › Reduced fees
 - › Annual league table
 - › Reduced regulatory oversight (less exposure to safety audits / compliance inspections)
 - › Media releases / articles in Bus Safety News

Questions

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