

IRVA Garden of Remembrance, Mullingar.

We are here to support you

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT


IRVA comprises a group of people, many of whom have lost a loved one in a road traffic collision or have been injured themselves. There is always someone available to speak to bereaved families if they would like to discuss any aspect of their post-crash experience.



PRACTICAL SUPPORT

IRVA members have produced a Guide for the families of victims of road traffic collisions. It is available to download from our website, www.irva.ie. It outlines the steps involved in the professional Garda investigation of serious injury and fatal collisions and the subsequent post-mortem, inquest and legal proceedings (where applicable) and offers information and advice to the victim's family.

As victims ourselves, having lost a loved one or sustained serious injury, we have written this guide in conjunction with other road safety stakeholders attempting to fill a vacuum of knowledge which has existed up to now and affected us personally. We hope that it will assist you as you deal with the legal processes following the sudden death or serious injury in your family and will enable you to engage with the legal processes which follow.

 www.facebook.com/groups/roadvictims

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Website: www.irva.ie



IRVA holds a special ceremony in Mullingar on the 3rd Sunday in November every year to mark the UN 'World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims'. A day when we remember all of those who have been killed and seriously injured, while also acknowledging and giving thanks for the tremendous work of the Emergency Services.

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IRISH ROAD VICTIMS' ASSOCIATION

WORKING TOGETHER WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS, TO REDUCE DEATH AND INJURY ON OUR ROADS AND TO IMPROVE VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

SUPPORTING THE UN
DECADE OF ACTION
FOR ROAD SAFETY
2011-2020



'Remember Me
I lost my life in a preventable crash'

Please use our roads responsibly



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Almost two hundred people continue to lose their lives on our roads every year and it's estimated that five times that number sustain serious injury. Road traffic injury is the biggest killer of youth aged 15-29 in the world according to World Health Organisation reports.

Together, we must tackle this great human tragedy which has already left too many of our families destroyed. Vision ZERO must be our target, as even one avoidable death or injury is one too many.

If you would like to join us and support our work in reducing road dangers and highlighting the human impact of these preventable deaths and injuries, please get in touch.

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The Work IRVA Is Doing

The Irish Road Victims' Association is a charitable NGO, founded in 2012, and run entirely by volunteers.

We provide free information, emotional and practical support, to bereaved families and seriously injured road traffic victims. We work with all stakeholders with a common aim to reduce road deaths and injury, to improve road crash investigations, and to improve support services for road victims and bereaved families.

We campaign for a fairer justice system, with more transparency in investigations, prosecutions, and Coroner's inquests and for road victims to be treated like other victims of crime, with improved recognition and support being provided, together with timely and accurate information, without excessive fees being applied. We work with all stakeholders at home and abroad to improve the Post Crash Response, under Pillar 5 of the UN Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

What makes a good post crash response?

Thorough collision investigation of the CRASH

- Properly resourced and trained Police collision investigators.
- National standards in collision investigation.
- A thorough forensic investigation at the scene and follow up by the Police.
- Mandatory and routine testing of all drivers involved, and of all known contributory causes of road crashes – thereby ensuring Road Safety work that is truly evidence based.

Appropriate criminal prosecution of the OFFENDER

- Specialist prosecutors for road deaths and serious injury.
- Prosecutions to reflect the crime(s) committed (no plea bargains).
- Sentences that fit the crime of taking a life or affecting the quality of a life.

Information, support, care and compensation for the VICTIM

- Prompt Rescue and Emergency Care.
- Information, Support and Protection for the Bereaved and Injured Victims.
- Rights of Victims to free information, support and protection – to be treated like other victims of crime. Road Crimes are real crimes and not 'accidents'.
- Civil Compensation for the Injured Victims and their Bereaved families.

Prevention lessons learned for the PUBLIC

- Public enquiry into the death – Inquest.
- Database records of all contributory causes of crashes – lessons learned.
- Transparency and accountability – sharing of evidence with all stakeholders.