



Winging it Has a Cost: **The consequences of tailgating**



Tailgating, or not maintaining a safe following distance, contributes can lead to serious crashes, injuries, and stress amongst road users.



An NRSP survey found that

93%

of drivers experience some form of stress when being tailgated

In rear-end collisions, the occupants of the vehicle that is hit are usually more severely injured than those in the striking vehicle ¹⁰. However, both parties are at risk of whiplash, a condition where the head is suddenly forced forward and then backward. This can lead to neck injuries ranging from mild muscle strain to more serious conditions, such as nerve or disc damage ¹².

Rear-end collisions can cause:



Whiplash



Nerve Damage

Tailgating contributes to at least 8,000 rear-end crashes each year in just Queensland alone ⁴.



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