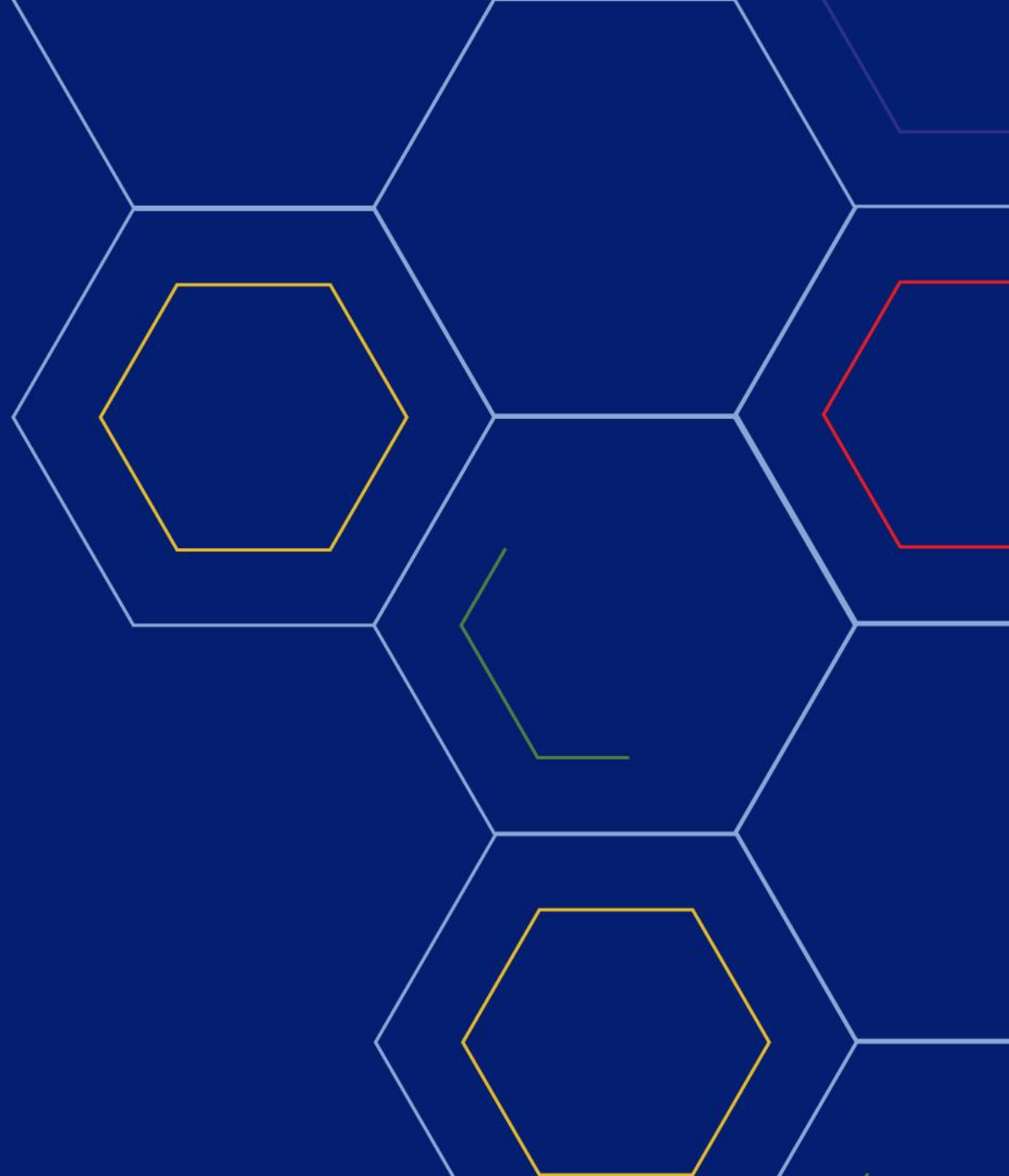




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HSSE MOMENT: ROAD RAGE





THE INCIDENT : DO NOT ESCALATE THE SITUATION





THE ART OF STAYING CALM – ROAD RAGE



“Road rage can be defined as “an incident in which an angry or impatient motorist or passenger intentionally injures or kills another motorist, passenger or pedestrian, or attempts or threatens to injure or kill another motorist, passenger or pedestrian.” In this context, a road rage incident can be differentiated from other traffic incidents by its willful and criminal nature.”

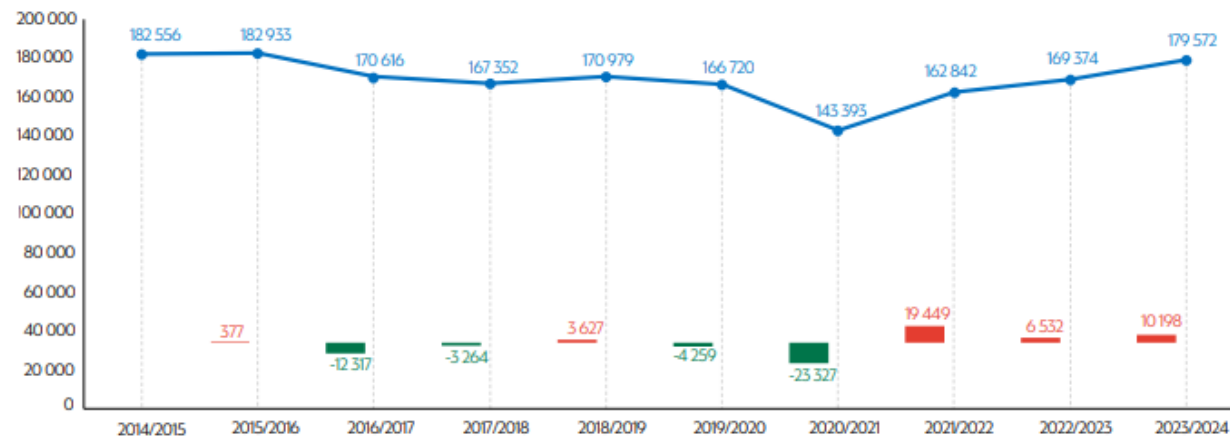
Recognizing Road Rage

- RUDE OR INSULTING GESTURES
- VERBAL INSULTS AND YELLING
- PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION
- ATTEMPTS AT INTIMIDATION
- THREATS OF VIOLENCE
- VEHICLE COLLISIONS
- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING MANEUVERS LIKE SPEEDING, TAILGATING, SWERVING BETWEEN LANES OF TRAFFIC, BLOCKING OTHER DRIVERS, AND RACING

The Stats

https://www.saps.gov.za/services/downloads/annual_crime_report/SAPS_2023_24_Annual%20Crime%20Report_IG25.pdf

Figure 9: Assault GBH: trend over 10 year-period and provincial overview



The SAPS 2023/2024 Annual Crime Report shows that “**Argument/ misunderstanding/ Road rage/ Provocation**” was the highest contributor to these assaults (65,2%) followed by “Retaliation/ revenge/ punishment” (5,8%) and “Intervention in a fight/argument” (3,4%).

SAPS ANNUAL CRIME REPORTS 2023/2024

	Eastern Cape	Free State	Gauteng	KwaZulu-Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West	Northern Cape	Western Cape	Republic Of South Africa
April to March 2022 - 23	24 218	12 030	38 031	26 397	13 205	10 766	14 377	6 810	23 540	169 374
April to March 2023 - 24	24 844	13 071	39 675	29 300	13 119	11 963	16 120	7 503	23 977	179 572
Count diff	626	1 041	1 644	2 903	-86	1 197	1 743	693	437	10 198
(%) Change	2,6%	8,7%	4,3%	11,0%	-0,7%	11,1%	12,1%	10,2%	1,9%	6,0%
% contribution to RSA	13,8%	7,3%	22,1%	16,3%	7,3%	6,7%	9,0%	4,2%	13,4%	



AVOIDING ROAD RAGE



Other cases in the media:

Recent Incidents (2025)

- **July 2025, Cape Town:** A taxi driver was filmed violently stabbing another motorist during a road rage incident. [📍](#)
- **April 2025, Sandton:** A man was fatally struck by a motorist following an altercation, according to IOL <https://www.iol.co.za/news/crime-and-courts/watch-gauteng-motorist-runs-over-man-with-bakkie-following-dispute-d9bf804d-588a-49c1-bde0-a6ca3a12b12e>. [📍](#)

Historical Incidents

- **2006, East Rand:** An elderly man was left with a cracked skull after being attacked during a road rage incident, noted in [IOL](#). [📍](#)
- **2010, Cape Town:** A 63-year-old freight company owner was assaulted with a sjambok by a driver who attempted to run him over for blocking a loading zone, according to www.roadsafety.co.za. [📍](#)
- **2003, South Africa:** A man was found guilty of assault after hitting two other drivers with a baseball bat during a road rage incident, reports [IOL](#). [📍](#)



- Control your anger, stay calm, keep cool to avoid escalating road rage.
- Avoid eye contact : Don't engage visually with aggressive drivers.
- Drive defensively : Don't drive aggressively (blocking, tailgating, etc). Stay alert and keep safe distances.
- Communicate wisely: Use polite gestures, not aggression, even a polite honk can be misinterpreted

For more information:



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