

A Queensland-based road safety campaigner is calling on all Australians to keep the roads fatality free tomorrow (April 27) to mark the United Nation's Global Road Safety Week.

Russell White, a driver trainer and road safety researcher, said he hoped to see no road deaths for 24 hours from midnight tonight.

"If we can drive to stay alive for just one day, then perhaps we can start thinking consciously about driving safely every day of the year," he said.

"In Australia, around 1600 people die every year on the roads. A zero road toll for one Friday would, statistically, save five to six lives."

WA Road Safety Council chair Grant Dorrington said he welcomed any initiative to get road users thinking about safer driving.

"Obviously, we don't want to see people dying on the roads on any day of the week," he said.

"Driving responsibly should be an automatic response to jumping in the driver's seat of a car — and for most people it is.

"But we are still seeing too many cases of speeding and not wearing seat belts cutting lives tragically short."

Over the past five years, 36 per cent of road fatalities in WA had occurred on a Friday and Saturday, he said.

The UN's "Road Safety Is No Accident" campaign from April 23-29 identifies seat belts, drink driving, speeding and infrastructure as key factors in preventing road deaths and injuries.

It focuses on the education of young road users who make up a disproportionate number of those killed and seriously injured on the world's roads.

Mr Dorrington said the proposed changes to WA's driver licensing laws addressed the spirit of the UN initiative.

The changes include restrictions on numbers of passengers and night driving for provisional drivers, and zero alcohol levels and a graduated demerit point system for learners and P-platers.

"These new provisions are based on world-wide best practice in driver training to better prepare new drivers for driving on their own," he said.

"They gradually introduce the driver to risk and include penalties to try to ensure early bad driving practices do not become a lifetime habit."