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AAMI Crash Index: Hindmarsh Drive in Phillip named Canberra's worst crash hotspot

- *Hindmarsh Drive in Phillip takes Canberra's unwanted AAMI Crash Index crown.*
- *Canberra's Top Five crash hotspots are concentrated around busy avenues, major intersections, shopping centres and traffic-light corridors.*
- *Nose-to-tail collisions are Canberra's biggest bingle, followed by collisions with stationary objects and failure to give way.*
- *AAMI driving behaviour data shows Canberra drivers score well for speeding and phone distraction but have the greatest opportunity to improve turning, acceleration and braking.*

Hindmarsh Drive in Phillip has been named Canberra's worst crash hotspot, according to the 2026 AAMI Crash Index.

The 2026 AAMI Crash Index analysed more than 394,000 motor insurance claims lodged across Australia between 1 January and 31 December 2025, including more than 6,000 claims across Canberra.

Rather than identifying just one particularly dangerous road, the data paints a broader picture of Canberra's crash problem, with the capital's worst crash hotspots sharing similar characteristics — busy arterial roads, traffic lights, major intersections, shopping centre car parks, roundabouts and commuter corridors.

These are roads where congestion, turning traffic, stop-start movements and momentary lapses in concentration can quickly lead to everyday driving mistakes.

Canberra's Top Five Crash Hotspots

	Crash Hotspot	Worst Intersection	Most Common Crash Type
1.	Hindmarsh Drive, Phillip	Hindmarsh Drive & Melrose Drive	Nose-to-tail
2.	Tuggeranong Parkway, Curtin	Tuggeranong Parkway & Cotter Road	Nose-to-tail
3.	Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick	Canberra Avenue & Newcastle Street	Nose-to-tail
4.	Benjamin Way, Belconnen	Benjamin Way & Belconnen Way	Collision with Stationary Object
5.	Drakeford Drive, Kambah	Drakeford Drive & Sulwood Drive	Nose-to-tail

The driving habits behind Canberra's crashes

While the AAMI Crash Index reveals where Canberra drivers are crashing, data from motorists using the AAMI Driver Rewards technology via the AAMI App provides insights into how they are driving — and where they can improve.

The driving behaviour insights are based on Canberra motorists using ADR and provide a unique view of real-world driving habits across the capital. Drivers are provided with a driving score out of 100 across five key behaviours — speeding, distraction, acceleration, braking and turning.

The good news is Canberra drivers are doing the right thing when it comes to speed, recording an average speeding score of 94.4. Phone distraction also performed strongly, with an average score of 89.6.



However, turning was Canberra drivers' lowest scoring behaviour at 70.3, followed by acceleration and braking, both at 76.3. This suggests many motorists could benefit from taking more care at intersections and roundabouts, anticipating traffic conditions earlier, leaving a bigger gap and driving more smoothly in busy traffic.

When combined with AAMI's claims data, a clear picture emerges — Canberra's biggest crash problem is not excessive speed. It is everyday driving behaviours like following too closely, misjudging gaps when turning, braking late and failing to give way.

Quotes attributable to AAMI Motor Prevention Manager, Mary Kennedy

"Along Hindmarsh Drive in Phillip, the intersection with Melrose Drive stood out as the most dangerous," Ms Kennedy said.

"Hindmarsh Drive may have taken Canberra's unwanted crash crown, but the bigger story is what the data tells us about the types of crashes happening across the capital.

"Canberra's most common crash type is nose-to-tail collisions, followed by collisions with stationary objects and failure to give way. These are the kinds of everyday bingles that often happen in busy traffic, at intersections, around shopping centres and on commuter corridors.

"The crash hotspots topping our list all share similar traits — traffic lights, major intersections, roundabouts, shopping centre car parks and stop-start traffic, where even a momentary lapse in concentration can quickly lead to a crash.

"Most claims aren't high-speed collisions. They're preventable crashes caused by drivers following too closely, braking late, misjudging gaps, reversing carelessly or failing to give way.

"Afternoons are Canberra's peak prang time, when commuters, school traffic, local trips and deliveries all overlap. It's a timely reminder to slow down mentally as much as physically, stay patient and expect the unexpected.

"What's interesting is how closely our driving behaviour data aligns with our claims data. Canberra drivers manage speed and phone distraction well, but turning, acceleration and braking are where we see the greatest opportunity for improvement.

"That tells us Canberra doesn't have a speeding problem — it has a gap selection, attention and reaction-time problem. Taking extra care when turning, leaving more room around other vehicles and staying focused can be the difference between getting home safely and ending up in a crash.

"The AAMI Crash Index isn't about naming and shaming crash hotspots or drivers. It's about giving Australians practical insights into where crashes happen, and how we can make small changes to keep ourselves — and everyone else on the road — safer."



2026 AAMI Crash Index: Canberra by the numbers

Total claims analysed:	6,400+
#1 crash hotspot:	Hindmarsh Drive, Phillip
Most common crash types:	1. Nose to tail (27%) 2. Collision with a stationary object (23%) 3. Failure to give way (16%)
Peak prang time:	Afternoon (1PM - 4:30PM)
Worst day for crashes:	Wednesday
Drivers most likely to crash:	Drivers aged 35-44 Male drivers
Top vehicle makes involved in crashes:	Toyota Mazda Hyundai Honda Kia
Most common vehicle colours involved in crashes:	White Grey Silver

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Notes to Editor

Claims data collected from AAI Limited trading as AAMI. Data sourced from motor insurance claims from AAI Limited's portfolio of brands from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

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