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INSTITUTE FOR
ROAD SAFETY RESEARCH

Dutch National Road Safety Research Institute

SWOV cooperates with other research and educational organisations, both in the Netherlands and abroad. This cooperation results in higher quality, greater efficiency, and a broader research base. SWOV views international cooperation as an opportunity to participate in research for which the Netherlands itself is too small a country. Within the framework of the European Union, SWOV therefore contributes to a number of large-scale research projects. This kind of international participation also leads to quality improvement.

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SWOV is the Dutch National Road Safety Research Institute. SWOV's task is to contribute to improving road safety through scientific research. The letters SWOV stand for Stichting Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek Verkeersveiligheid in Dutch.

SWOV is an independent scientific institute, whose knowledge is public domain and available to anyone involved (professionally and otherwise) in traffic and road safety, both in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

Its knowledge and high-quality research have earned SWOV a reputation as a leading institute, both in the Netherlands and internationally.

Cooperation

SWOV aims to achieve interdisciplinary cooperation between researchers within the institute and with other research institutes in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

SWOV takes its cue from its surroundings when deciding on a research programme. In other words, target group requirements determine SWOV activities. Interaction with others is also a guiding principle in research and knowledge dissemination.

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High quality research

SWOV conducts high-quality fundamental and anticipatory research. The research is based on its use for practical purposes. SWOV's Road Safety Assessment Department makes periodic forecasts of future road safety developments and balance sheets for past developments. SWOV's knowledge covers the entire range of road safety interests.

Pioneering and innovative research

In its research, SWOV strives for a pioneering and innovative approach. A scientific forum evaluates the quality of the research. SWOV has a vision to promote road safety and, as a result of this vision, participates in social debates and policy-making. SWOV provides solicited and unsolicited advice based on the knowledge gained from scientific research. SWOV's opinions and statements also have a scientific basis and SWOV actively disseminates its knowledge and makes it readily available, also for educational purposes. SWOV's knowledge is also made available for international road safety promotion activities.

Knowledge dissemination

An essential task is to distribute knowledge and information to all those professionally involved in traffic and road safety, both nationally and internationally. SWOV has large quantities of high-quality and practical knowledge available. This knowledge has been obtained from our own research and researched conducted by others.

SWOV's primary target groups:

- National politicians
- National, regional, and municipal governments
- Advisory bodies of these governments
- Fellow researchers in the Netherlands and abroad
- Educational and knowledge institutes
- Interest groups
- Media (parliamentary press, newspapers and professional journals)

SWOV shares its knowledge through its full-colour magazine *Research Activities*, a monthly newsletter and the website www.swov.nl, which has a fully operational English section.

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