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# „Drive Smart” workshops for High Schools

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- The Public agency for traffic safety organises preventive actions in form of preventive workshops for high school students.
- The duty of the Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency is to lessen the worst outcomes of traffic accidents – the number of fatally and critically injured people on our roads.
- The goal of the “Drive Smart” workshops is for the youth to give attention to traffic safety and thus lessen the number of the young’s fatal injuries.



We want to remind the youth of the great responsibility that they accept when they get behind the steering wheel. Young drivers, especially beginners, are often the cause of traffic accidents and, in many cases, also the victims, along with passengers in private vehicles.

The youth's safety issue doesn't stem from a lack of knowledge about traffic regulations, but rather from the want to test limits, impress peers and attitudes towards safety regulations.

With our workshops, we want to encourage the youth to think of how their actions impact traffic safety. The program is suitable for students from any high school grade, as it is these years that they first become independent drivers.

## The program includes the following:

Risk factors that are the cause of young peoples traffic accidents:

- drugs
- alcohol
- speeding
- phone usage



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The workshops are carried out in cooperation with the police.



We educate over 1500 young people yearly, the skills they learn enable them to participate in traffic more safely. In addition, all the young participants of the workshops are provided with reflective bands, which enable them to be more visible during winter, when the days are shorter.



-The duration of the “Drive Smart” workshop is 2 to 3 hours.

-The workshops come at no cost for schools.

-We present our workshops in various parts of Slovenia; our aim is to have balanced regional representation.



Our goals:

-The workshops' main goal is to change mindsets and encourage positive attitude towards traffic safety, so that the participants become aware of the responsibilities that come with traffic participation.

-Increase interest in traffic issues among young drivers.

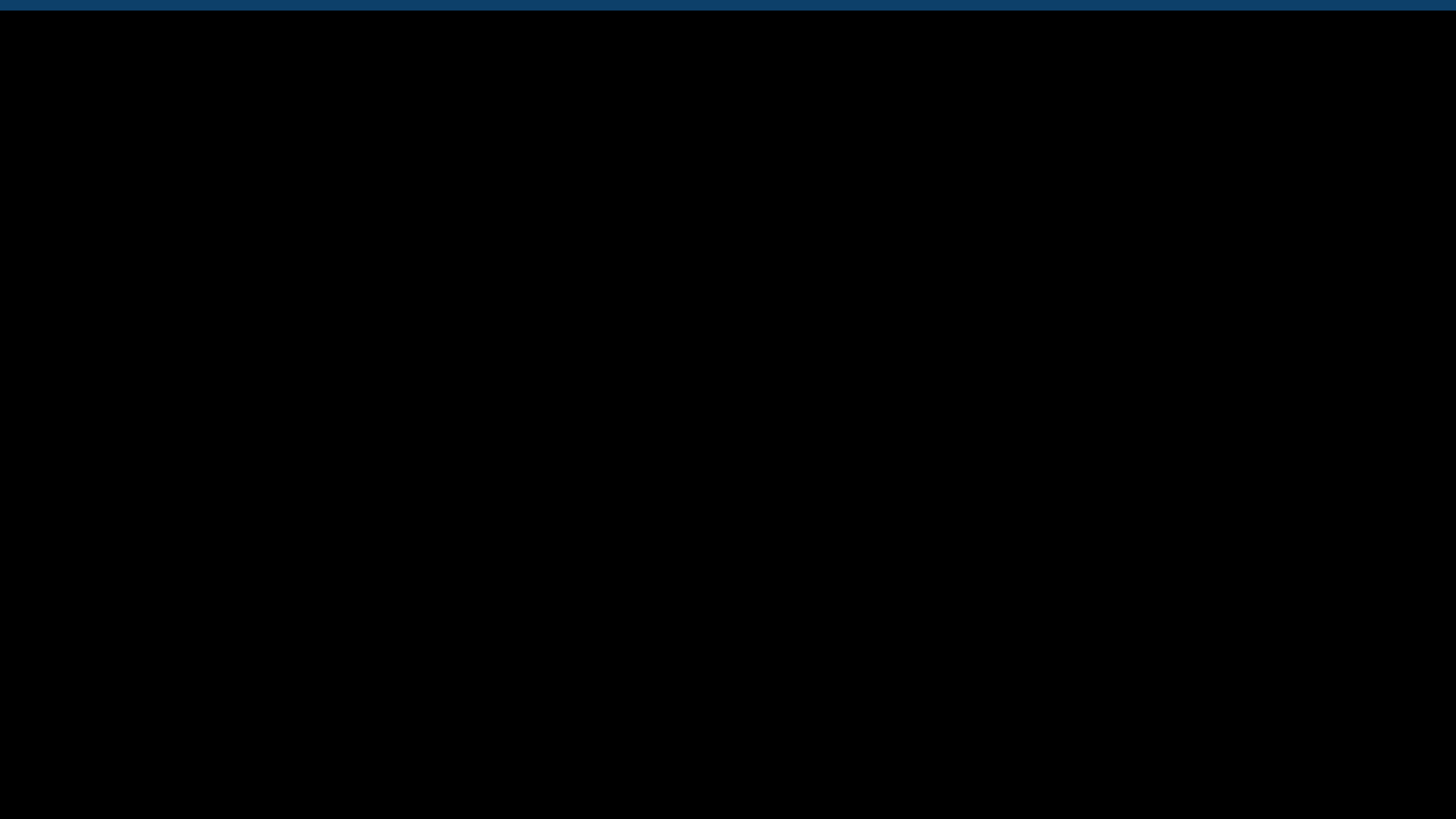
-Reduce the number of traffic accidents involving young drivers.

-Encourage young people to think how their actions in traffic affect its other participants.

The first part of the workshops is equipped with preventive films provided by our agency and other preventive material.

The second part includes the practical test about previously discussed topics. Students can measure their collision weight on demonstrative devices and can also try out our "alco-goggles", which simulate our sight while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. During the workshop we also discuss current accident statistics and talk about the traffic problems in the surrounding area of the school.





How do we conduct the workshops?

Firstly, we address the most common risk factors, that are usually involved traffic accidents with young drivers, some of them are:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Speeding
- Failure to use a seatbelt
- Using a mobile phone while driving
- Micromobility



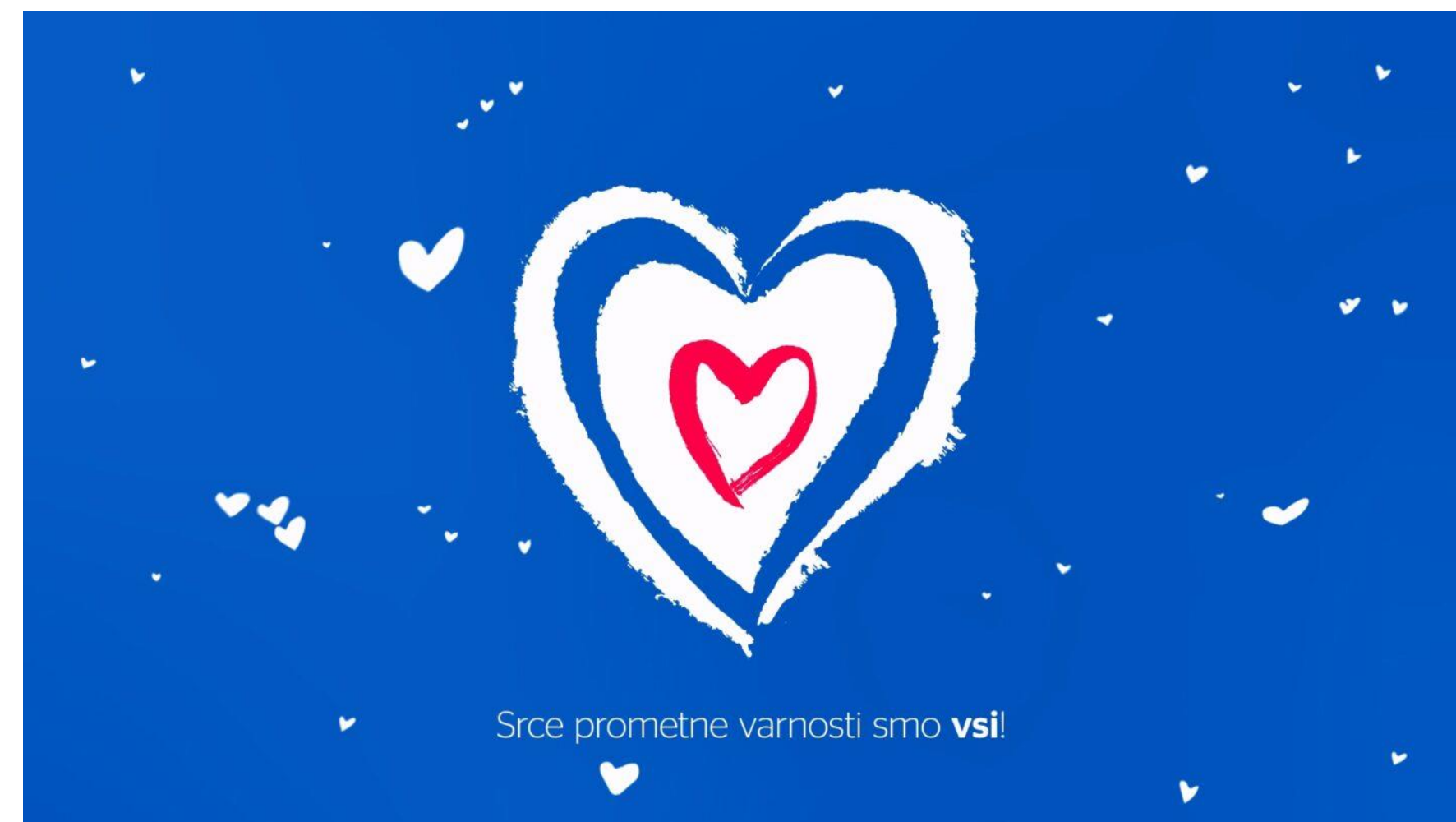
Students are actively participating in the workshops by sharing their experiences, they are encouraged to think critically of their behaviour.





As the Public agency for Traffic Safety, we aim to raise awareness with our “Drive Smart” workshops among the young in a way that truly resonates with them and makes them reflect on their behaviour in traffic.

We truly believe that such preventive actions and education can, in the long term, bring about immense positive change on a societal level, improving traffic safety for all its participants and get us one step closer towards “Vision Zero”.



“Thank you for your attention

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