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#Be a Lifesaver



Fatal Road Traffic Collisions

	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	114	125	11	10%
Fatal Collisions	104	117	13	13%



Road Fatalities Users	2020 YTD
Driver	49
Passenger	23
Pedestrians	26
Pedal Cyclist	9
Motorcyclist	18
Total	125

***Figures Correct as of 01/11/2020**

Life Saver Offences

- **Intoxicated Driving
(Driving Under the influence of Alcohol/drugs)**
- **Safety Belts**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Speeding**

Intoxicated Driving



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Naas Roads Policing Unit arrested bus driver on M7 last night for drink driving. Driver was 9 times over the limit.

Court to follow.



10:32 AM - 3 Oct 2018

37 Retweets 204 Likes



The incidents of Drug-Driving have more than **doubled** in the last 12 months

There were **663 Incidents** of Driving While Intoxicated in October 2020 alone. (On average **172 Drivers arrested every week**)

3,371 MIT Checkpoints (Mandatory Intoxicant Checkpoints) were conducted in October 2020.

Specified Drivers in your workforce? = **LOWER THRESHOLD**

PLEASE CONSIDER THE “MORNING AFTER”

Safety Belts

A Safety Belt is the most basic form of Road Safety

On average over 700 people are detected without a safety belt each month

Over 1/3 of fatalities in vehicles had no safety belt at the time of the collision

Why do people fail to wear one?

Fine €60 & 2 Penalty Points



Speeding

A **1% reduction** in average speed results in a **4% reduction** in fatal collisions

Over **15,000** drivers detected speeding **EVERY month**

Max speed for HGV, **90km/h** on motorways –"obstruction" or "lane closed".

An increase in average speed is directly related to the likelihood of a crash occurring to the severity of the consequences of the crash.

Vulnerable road users - **1.5 metre minimum**



**BEING LATE FOR A MEETING OR APPOINTMENT WILL NOT
KILL YOU. SPEEDING TO GET THERE MIGHT KILL YOU, A
PEDESTRIAN OR OTHER ROAD USER!**

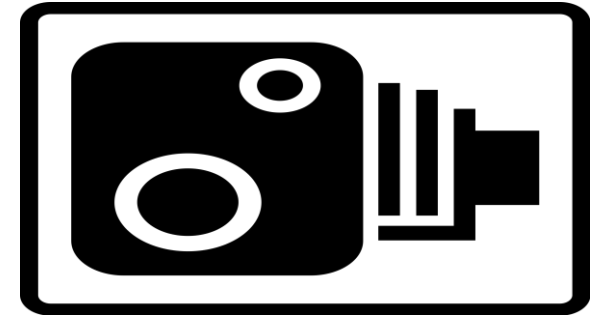
Speed Enforcement

Intercept Speed – Garda

Non-Intercept Speed – Safety Cameras (Go Safe)

1,322 safety cameras zones nationwide

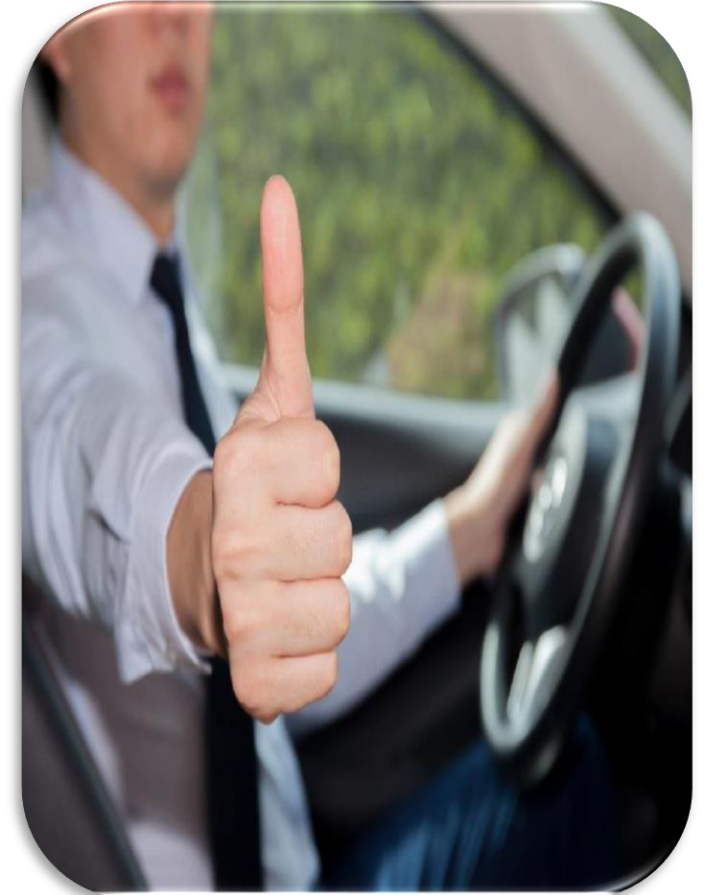
More than 1.5 million non-intercept speeding tickets issued since introduction of safety cameras



Key messages for employees

Top tips to help you drive at the right speed

- ✓ Check your speedometer regularly, especially when leaving high speed roads
- ✓ Know the limits – look for signs, especially at junctions
- ✓ Remember, speed limits are a maximum, not a target
- ✓ Try to stay in lower gear in a 50 km/h speed limit area
- ✓ Lower your speed when kids are about
- ✓ Concentrate on your driving
- ✓ Slow down when entering villages, towns and residential areas. Drive as though a child could step out in front of you at any time
- ✓ When in car parks drive very slowly. Small children cannot see over parked cars. Drivers may not see them either
- ✓ Give yourself plenty of time



Mobile Phones

- Using a mobile phone while driving make you **4 times** more likely to crash
- Driver distraction plays a role in **20%-30%** of all road collisions
- Over **2,000** drivers detected holding a mobile phone each month

#It won't kill you to put it away



Vulnerable Road Users



Vulnerable Road Users

- **188 Fatal and Serious Injury Collisions involved at least one HGV** in the period from 01/01/2019 to 31/10/2020. (58 Fatal and 130 Serious Injury Collisions)
- 64 of these collisions resulted in fatality or serious injury to a **vulnerable road user**.
- **33 pedestrians** were either killed or seriously injured.
- **20 pedal cyclists** were either killed or seriously injured.
- **11 motorcyclists** were either killed or seriously injured.

Rules of the Road

"On left turns, watch out for cyclists and mopeds close to the kerb in front of you or coming up on your left. Do not overtake a cyclist as you approach a junction if you are turning left, as the cyclist might be continuing straight ahead."

"Never put a cyclist or motorcyclist at risk and know your duty to be aware of them. They are especially vulnerable if there is a crash. In particular, watch for cyclists and motorcyclists: at junctions; where cycle tracks merge with roads; when you change lanes; when opening your door to get out of a vehicle; when stopping and turning, especially when making a left turn; and when reversing."

"Overtaking - Never cut in front of cyclists or motorcyclists when overtaking them. Give them plenty of space, especially: in wet or windy weather; when road conditions are icy; when they are starting off. Cyclists tend to wobble until they build up their speed; and when the road surface is poor. Cyclists and motorcyclists may need to avoid potholes."

"Turning left - On left turns, watch out for cyclists and motorcycles close to the kerb in front of you or coming up on your left (especially if there is a cycle track on the left). Do not overtake a cyclist as you approach a junction if you are turning left. The cyclist might be continuing straight ahead."



Covid 19 – Operation Fanacht

An Garda Síochána appreciate your continued assistance:

- Reduce Speed
- Get in lane as early as possible
- Obey all Road Signage
- Prepare to stop if required
- **#Stay Safe**



Keep Left!!!



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Thank You