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#Be a Lifesaver



Fatal Road Traffic Collisions

	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	137	120	-17	-12%
Fatal Collisions	126	109	-17	-13%



Road Fatalities Users	2021 YTD
Driver	63
Passenger	15
Pedestrians	16
Pedal Cyclist	6
Motorcyclist	20
Total	120

***Figures Correct as of 23/11/2021**

Life Saver Offences

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

Intoxicated Driving

The incidents of Drug-Driving are down YTD but full-year figures for 2020 saw an increase on 2019 of over 60%.



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@GardaTraffic

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



There were **745 Incidents** of Driving While Intoxicated in October 2021 alone. (On average **186 Drivers** arrested every week)

4,194 MIT Checkpoints (Mandatory Intoxicant Checkpoints) were conducted in October 2021.

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

PLEASE CONSIDER THE “MORNING AFTER”

What can I do?

- Have you checks in place to ensure that employees are fit to drive
- You would be naive to think some of employees are not using recreational drugs
- Get the message out that driving under the influence is not acceptable
- Please consider the morning after

Safety Belts

A Safety Belt is the most basic form of Road Safety

On average over 780 people are detected without a safety belt each month since the start of 2019.

Approximately 1/4 of all fatal collisions involving a motorist entailed at least one driver not wearing a seatbelt

Why do people fail to wear one?

Fine €60 & 2 Penalty Points



What can I do?

- Remind drivers of the importance of wearing a safety belt
- Taking that second to put on your seatbelt could prevent death or serious injury

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!



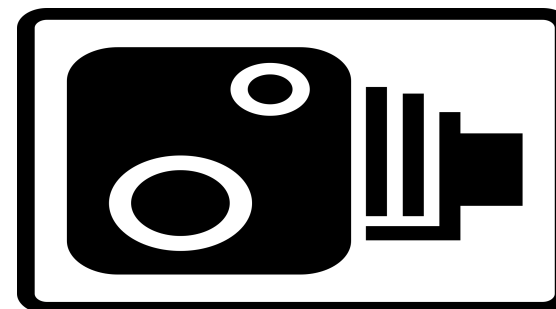
Speed Enforcement

Intercept Speed – Garda

Non-Intercept Speed – Safety Cameras (Go Safe)

1,322 safety cameras zones nationwide

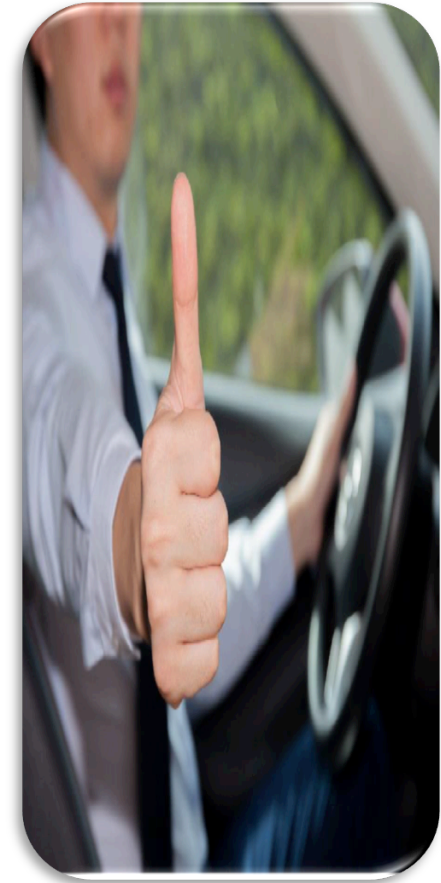
More than 1.5 million non-intercept speeding tickets issued since introduction of safety cameras



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



What can I do?

- Ensure all vehicles have hands-free capability
- Don't contact driver when out on the road
- Establish a practice whereby drivers check-in at regular intervals
- Consider the installation of telematics to monitor driver behaviour
- Reward good driver behaviour – it will reduce your costs

Vulnerable Road Users

<https://youtu.be/n44L-SOI1I8>

- 167 Fatal and Serious Injury Collisions involved at least one HGV in the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/10/2021. (45 Fatal and 122 Serious Injury Collisions)
- 59 of these collisions resulted in fatality or serious injury to a **vulnerable road user**.
- 26 pedestrians were either killed or seriously injured.
- 21 pedal cyclists were either killed or seriously injured.
- 12 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**



Conclusion

Thank You

You can make a difference

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