

Safe Truck Fleet Operations



Essentials for Managing Safety



Safer Fleets – Vehicle Maintenance



- 1. Maintain your vehicle**
- 2. Test on time**
- 3. Display your disc**
- 4. Review maintenance systems**

Legal Requirements



- Vehicle owners must
 - Ensure vehicles are roadworthy – FIX BEFORE USE
 - Ensure vehicles are tested on time
 - Implement a system for regular inspection and maintenance of vehicles
 - Periodically review it
 - Make any changes required to ensure it is effective
 - Ensure inspection frequency takes account of vehicle condition, age and mileage, manufacturers guidelines etc
 - Ensure inspections are carried out by suitably qualified persons
 - Ensure drivers are trained to carry out vehicle walkaround checks, record & notify defects
 - Ensure defects get repaired
 - Keep records
 - Make an annual declaration to the RSA

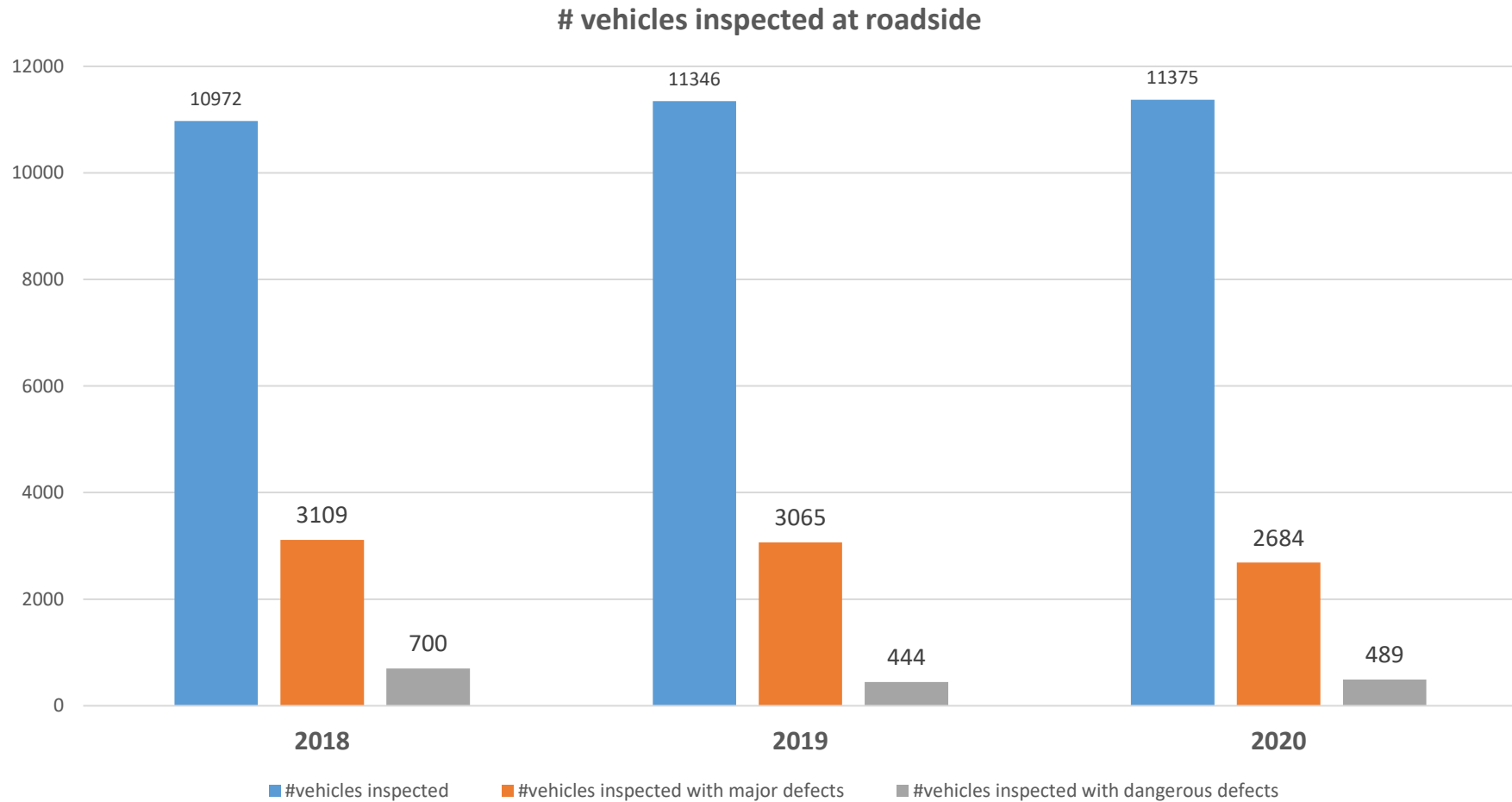
RSA Roadside Inspection Findings

2018-2020

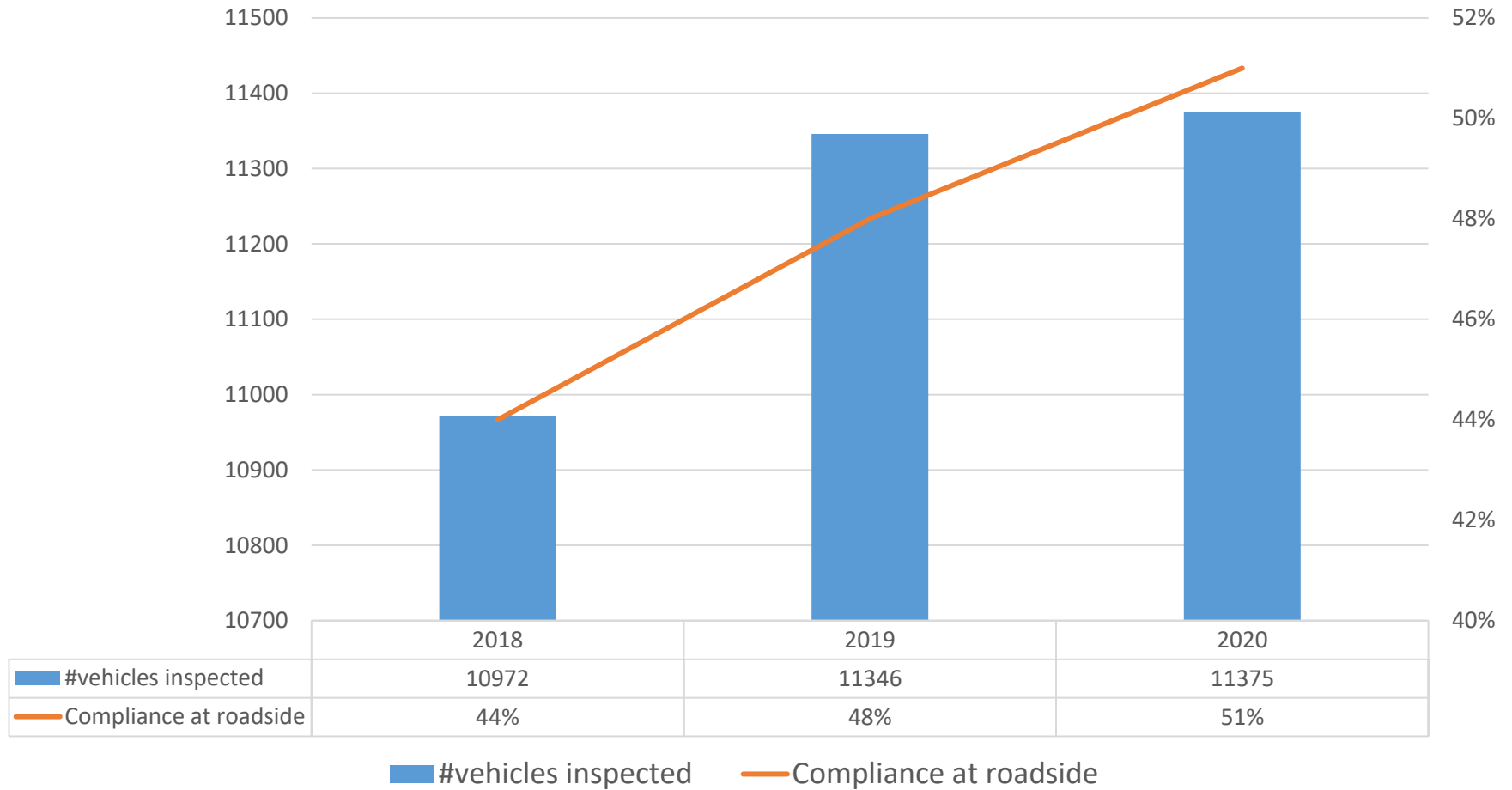
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Roadworthiness inspection findings 2018 - 2020

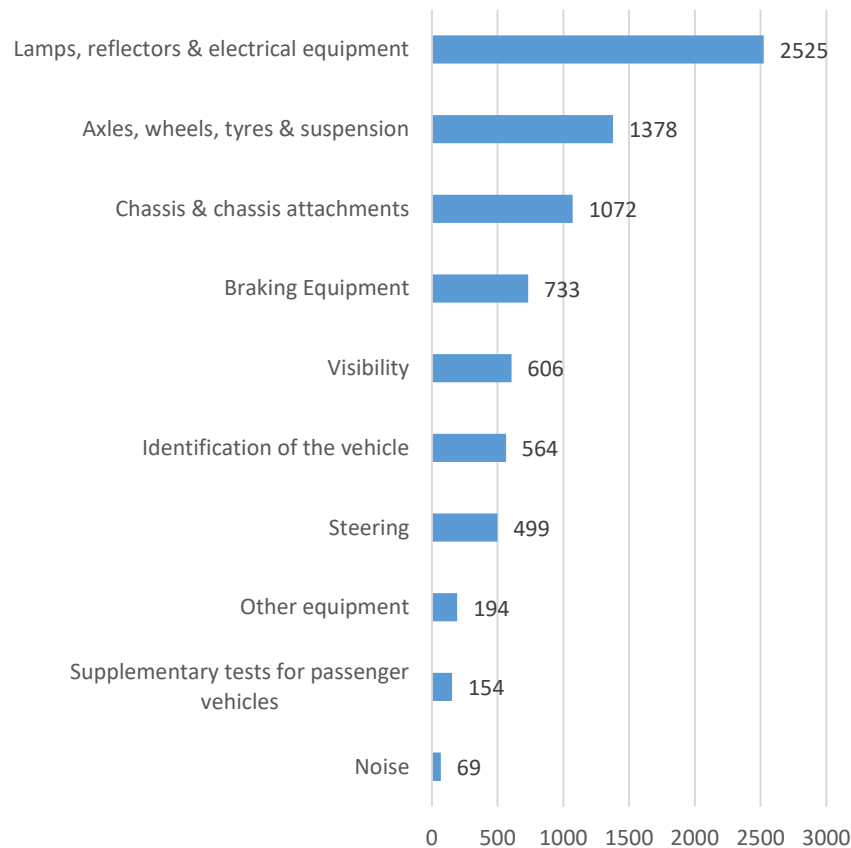


Roadworthiness roadside compliance 2018 - 2020

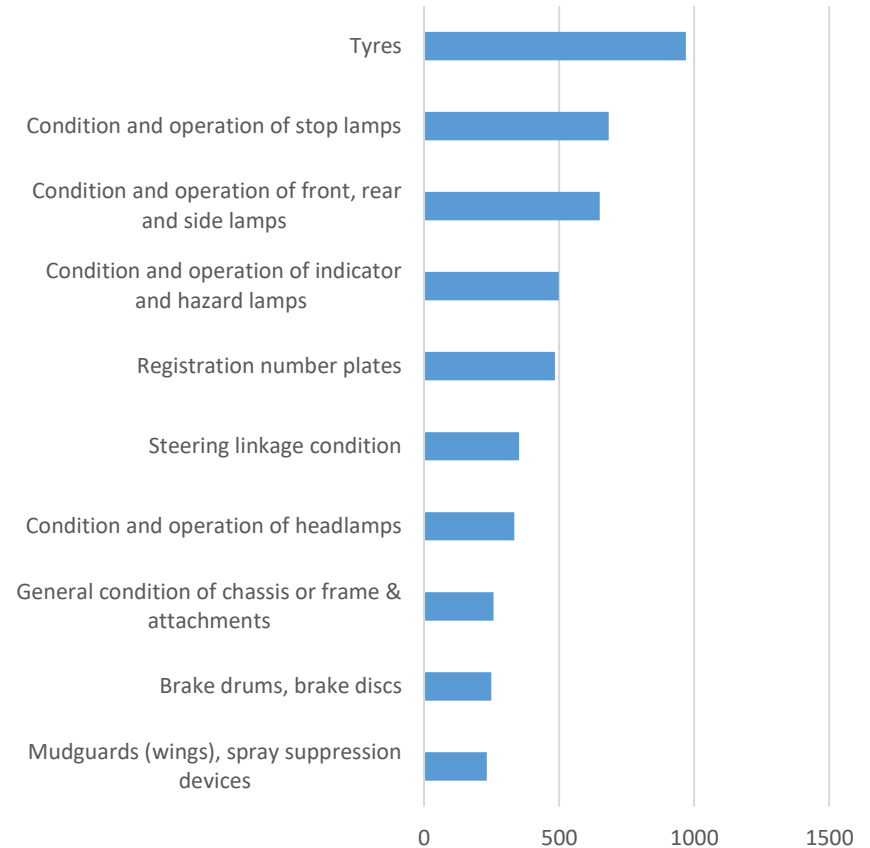


Defects detected roadside 2018 - 2020

defects detected by category



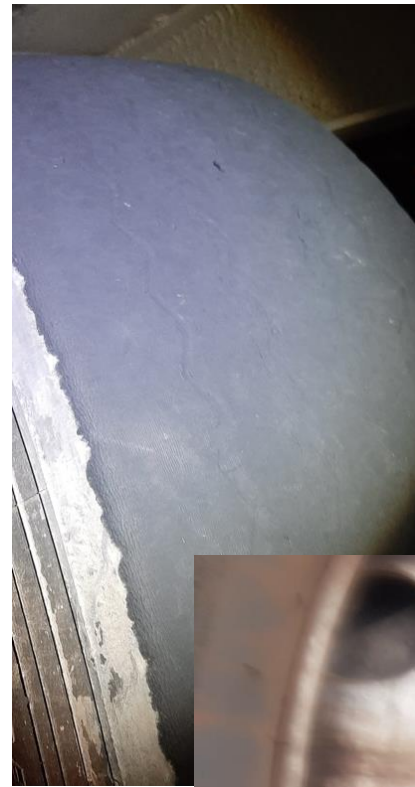
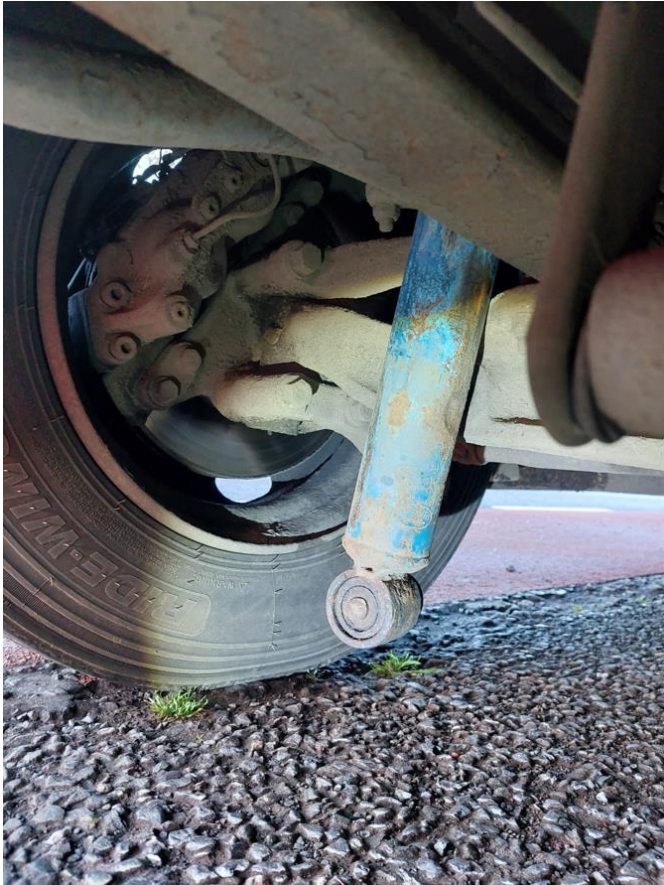
Top 10 specific defects detected roadside



Common Defects – Lamps, reflectors & electrical equipment



Common Defects – Axles, wheels, tyres & suspension



Common Defects – Braking equipment



Common Defects – Chassis & chassis attachments



Common Defects – Visibility



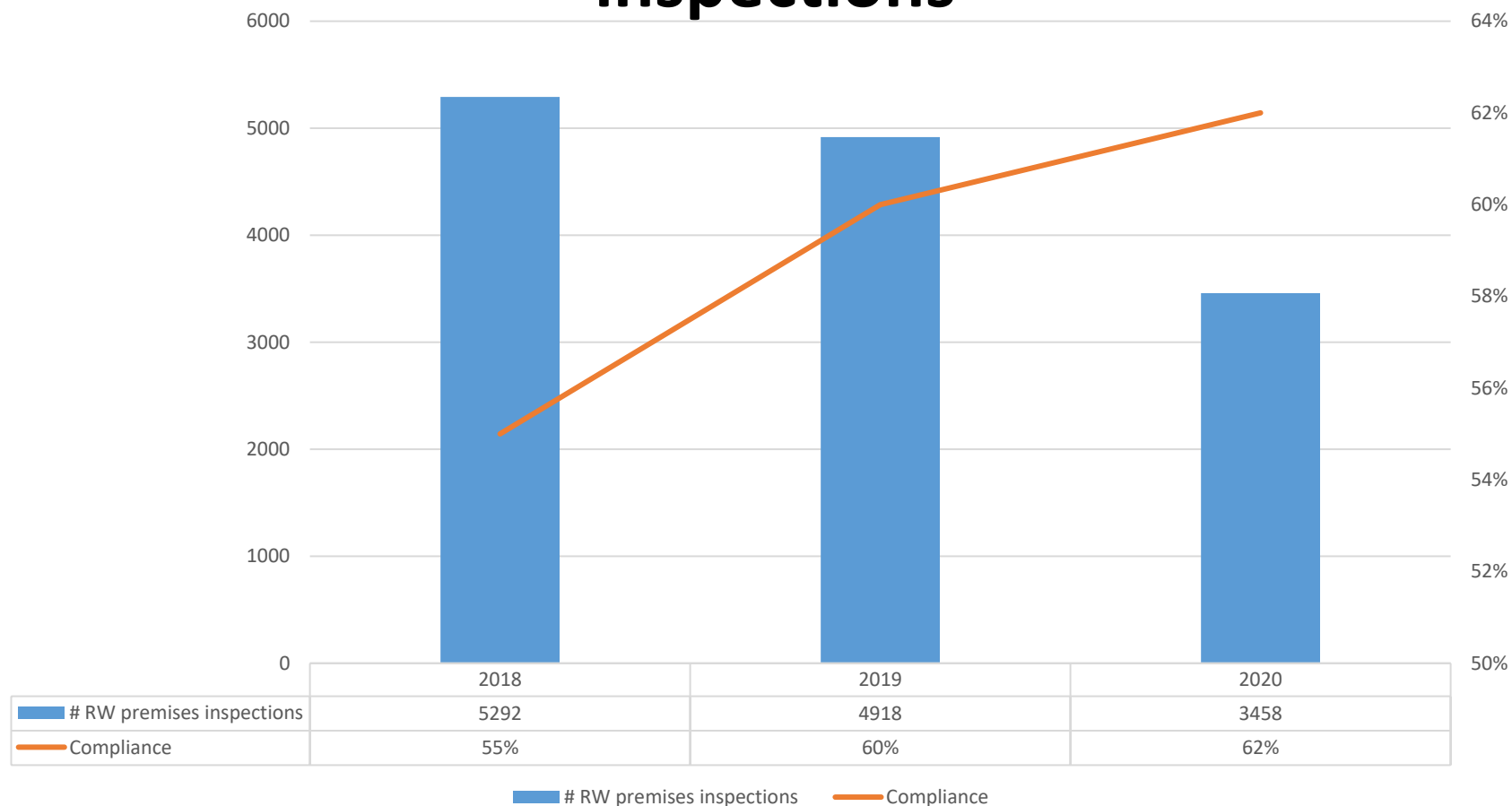
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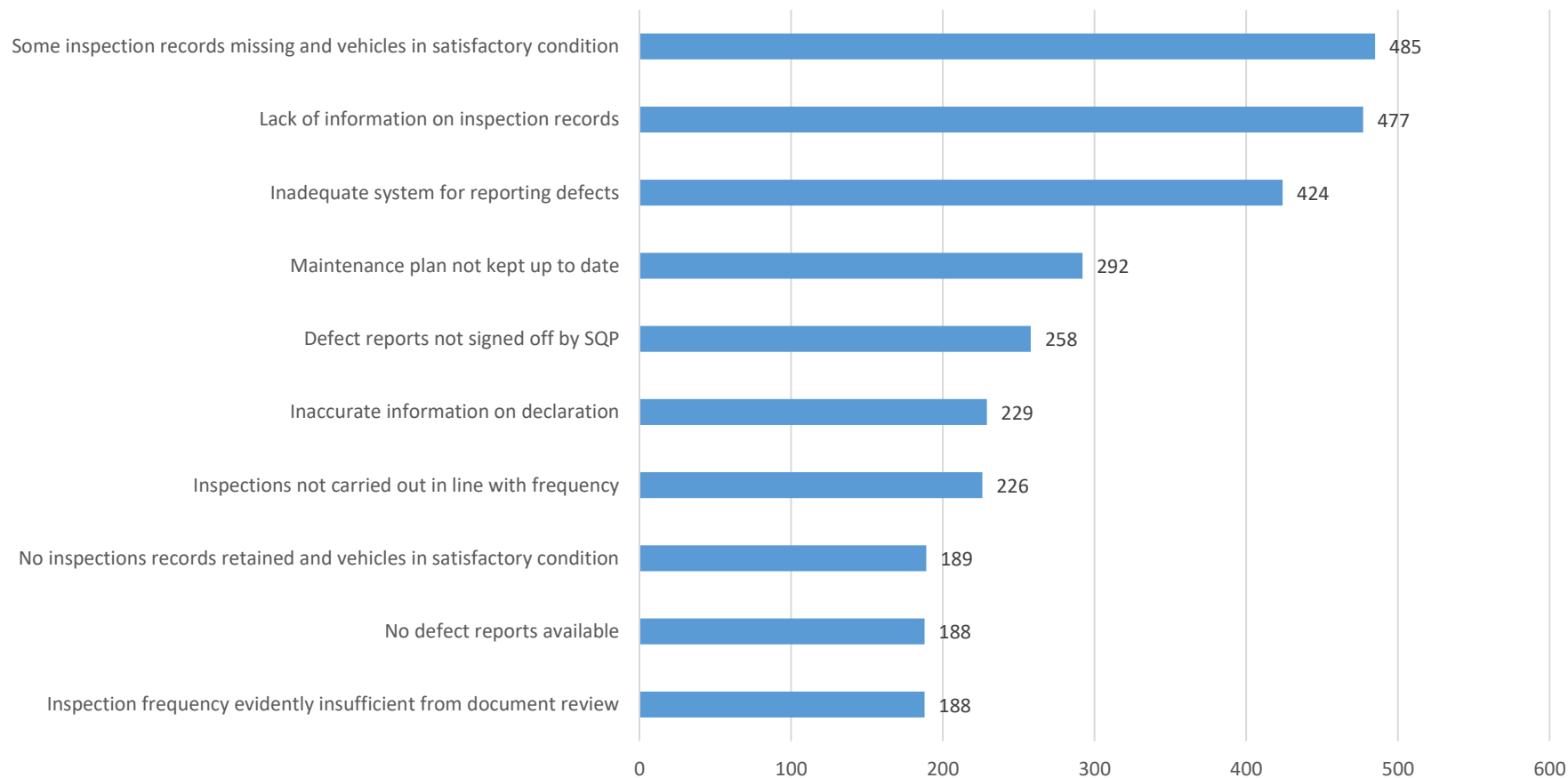


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Compliance at roadworthiness premises inspections



Top 10 infringements detected at roadworthiness premises inspections in 2020



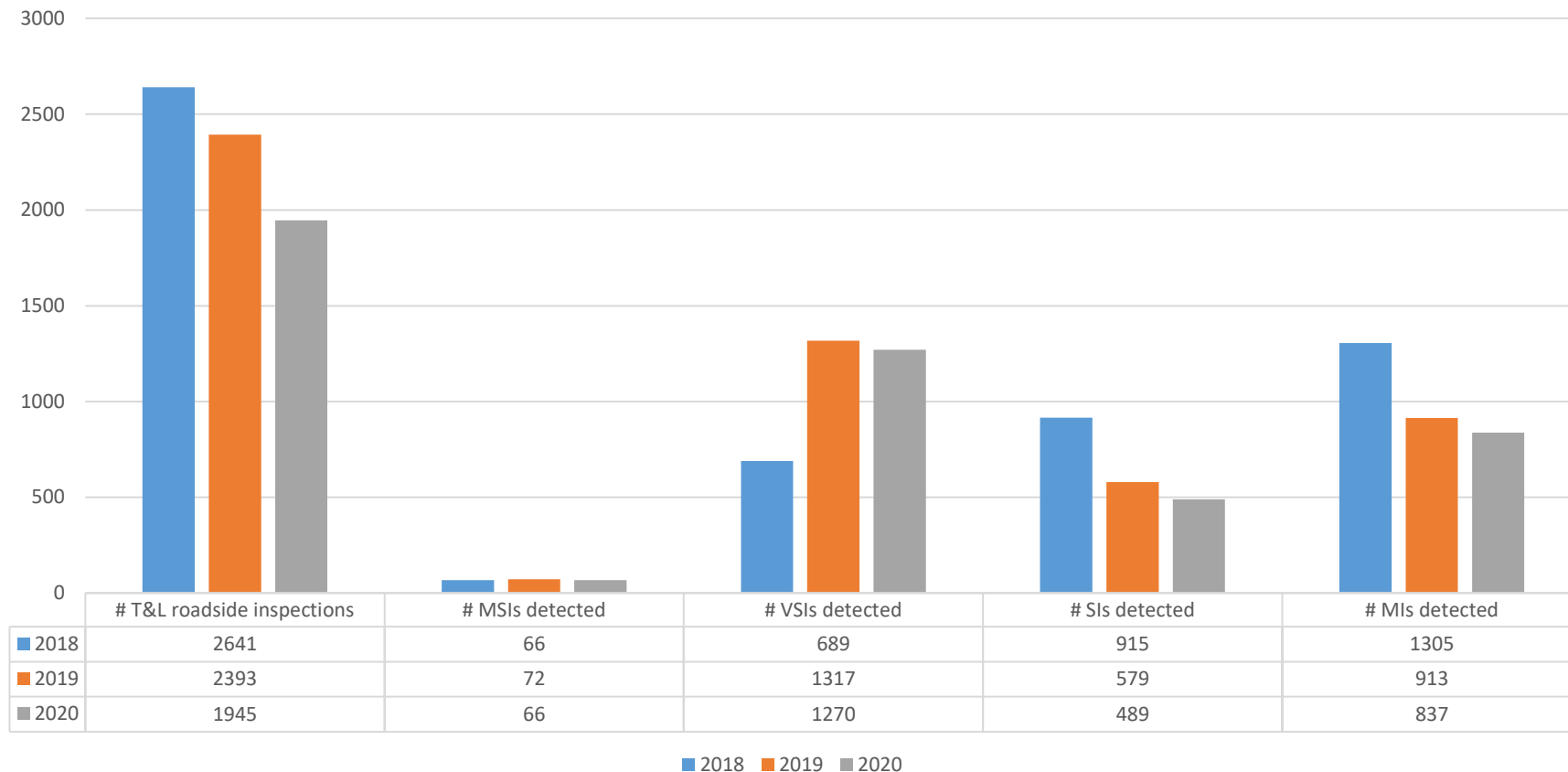
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Tachograph & Drivers Hours

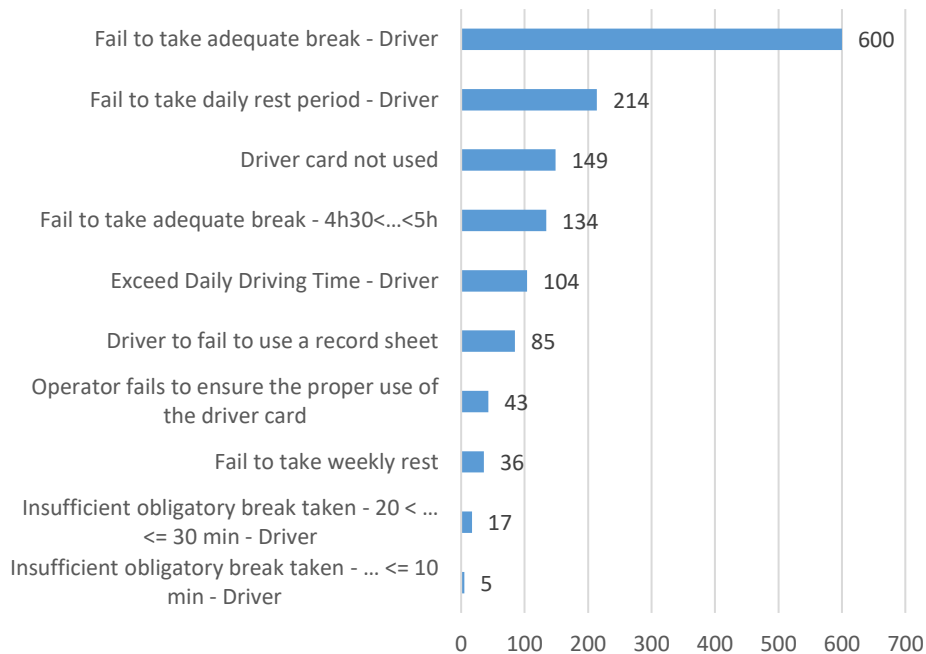


Tachograph & Licensing roadside inspections and infringements detected in the years 2018 -2020

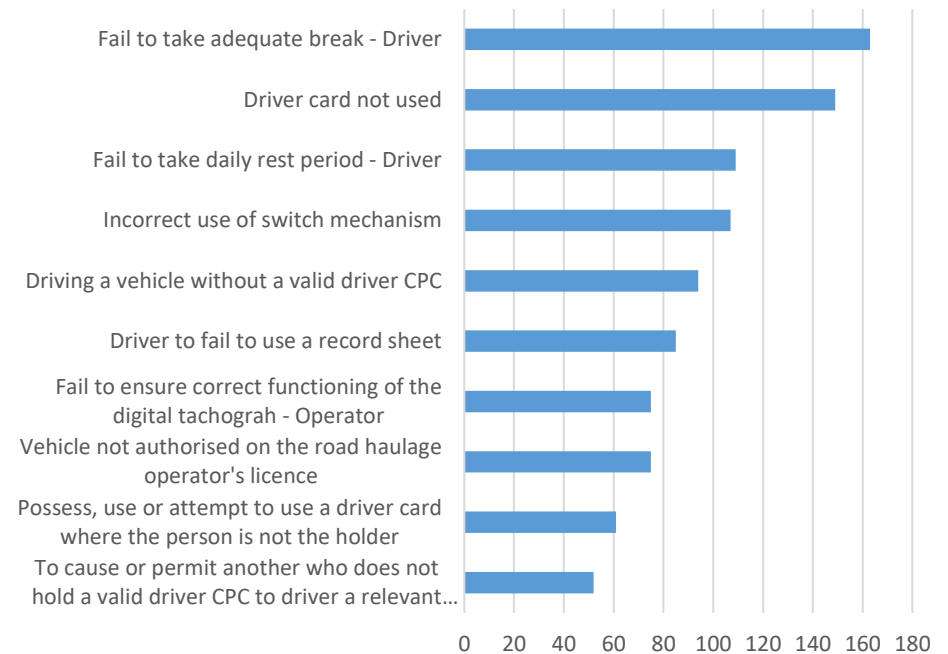


Most frequently detected infringements at roadside tachograph & licensing inspections in 2020

Top 10 infringements roadside – all severities



Top 10 infringements roadside – MSIs, VSIs & SIs



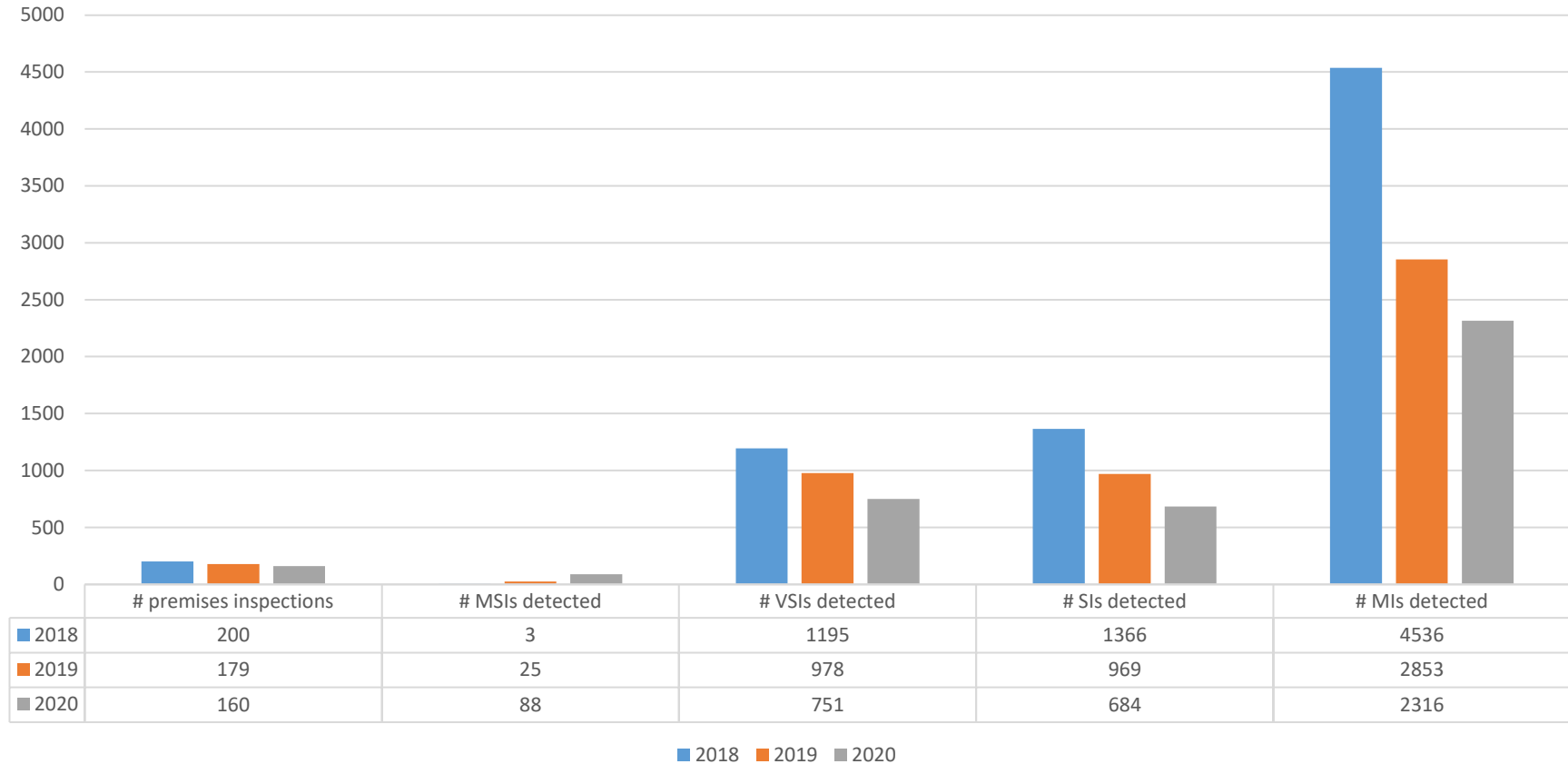
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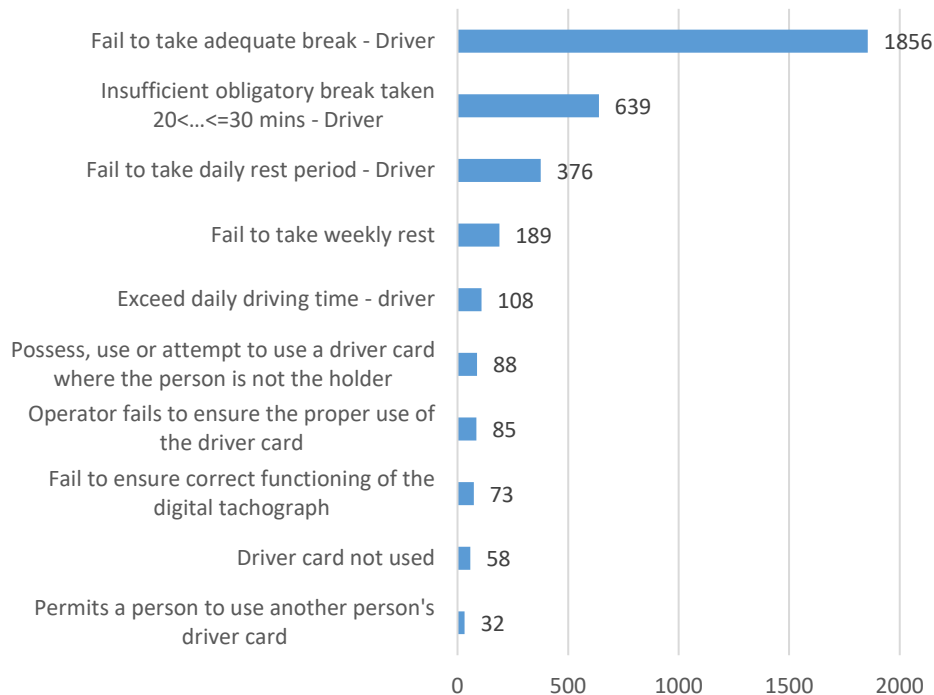
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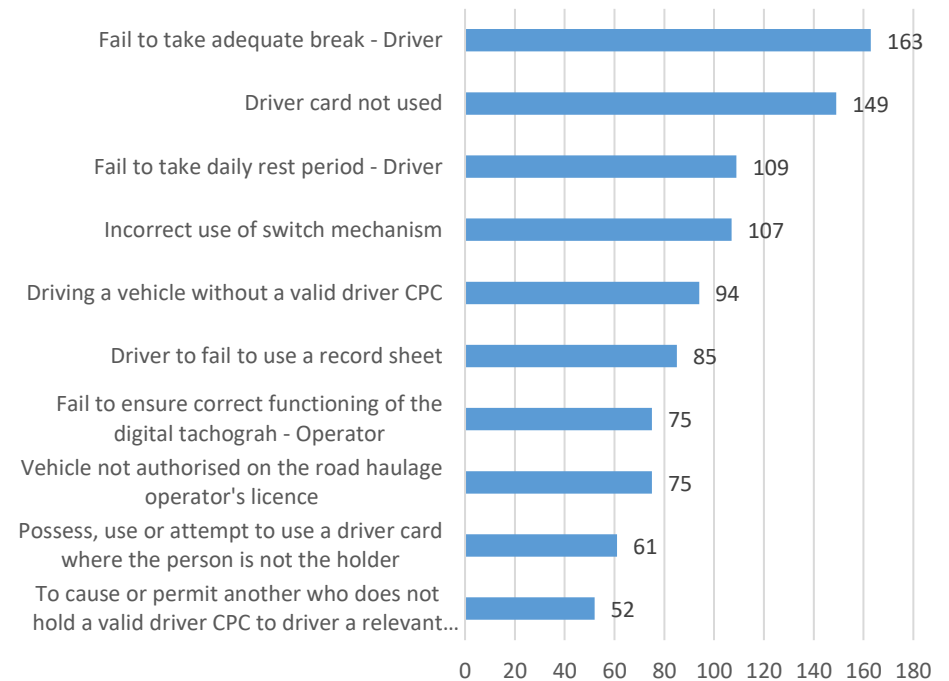


Most frequently detected infringements at premises tachograph & licensing inspections in 2020

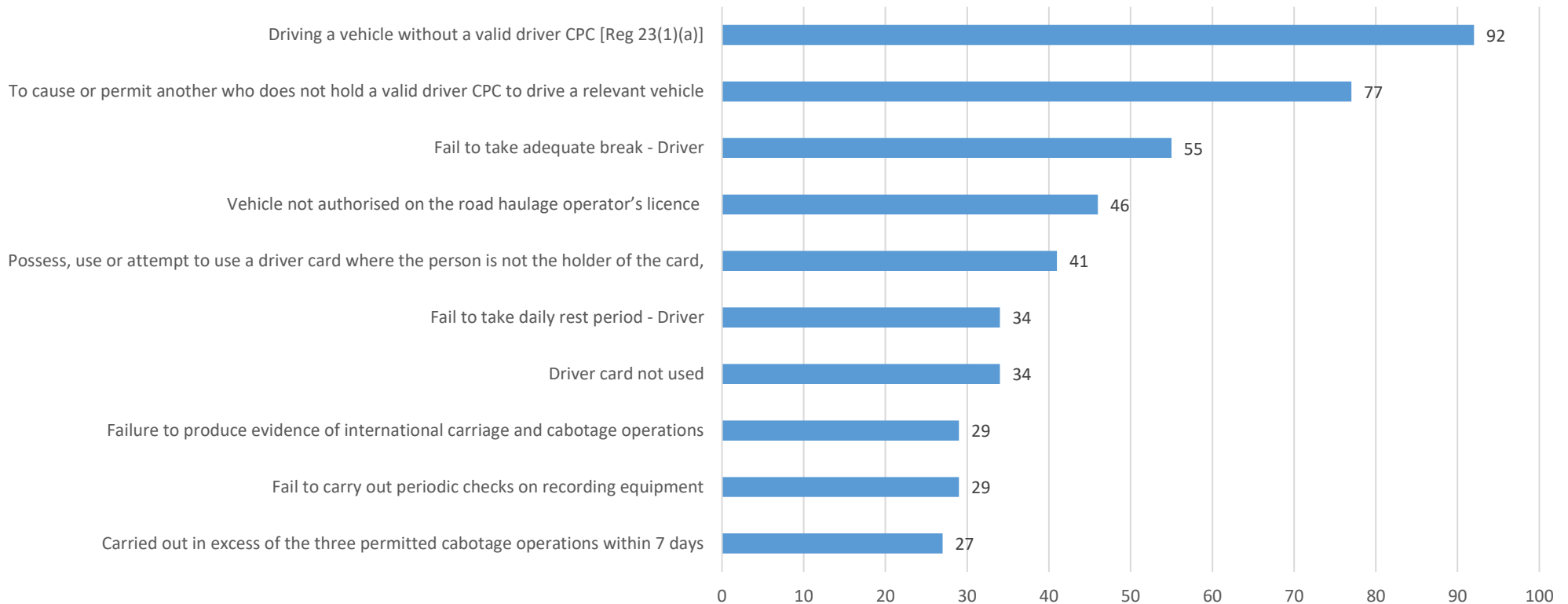
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Most frequently prosecuted infringements from Tachograph & Licensing roadside and premises inspections in 2020



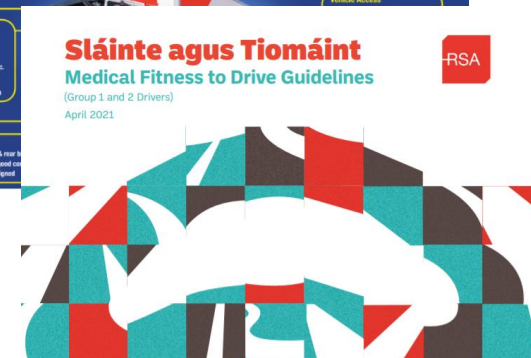
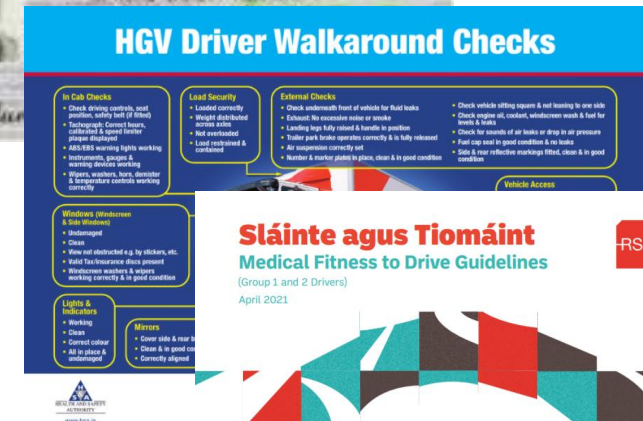
Safer Drivers

Compliance with Drivers' Hours & Working Time Rules



Driver Essentials

- Drivers licence
- Current driver CPC
- Driver card - tachograph
- Equipment training
- Walkaround check training
- Medical Fitness to Drive



Working conditions – the Rules

- Drivers Hours (summary)
 - 45 min break after 4.5 hrs
 - Daily driving time limited to 9hrs
 - Weekly driving time limited to 56 hrs
 - 11 hrs rest in each 24 hour period
 - Weekly rest of 45 hrs to be taken after 6*24 hr periods
- Working Time
 - 60 hrs max per week or 48 hrs averaged over a 17 week period

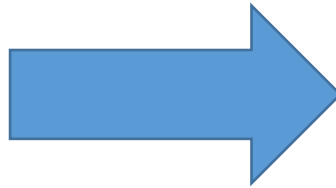


Employer Responsibilities

- Ensure
 - Drivers have only one and use only their own driver card
 - Tachograph equipment is working and calibrated
 - Drivers know how to use the tachograph equipment
 - Drivers know how to use the mode switch mechanism
 - Downloads are carried out, records analysed and records kept
 - Drivers are asked to produce records for other work done
 - If rules are broken, it is documented along with remedial actions

Employer Responsibilities Continued

- Ensure
 - Vehicles are stated on operators licence (where required)
 - Journeys are planned and sufficient time is afforded to drivers for
 - Traffic congestion
 - Roadworks
 - Bad weather
 - Daily living
 - Delays etc.



Remember Chain of Responsibility

As an employer you must ensure:

- contractually agreed time schedules with consignors comply with rules on Driving Times, Breaks and Rest Periods
- drivers are not encouraged to breach these rules and are not incentivised to do so



Consequences for Non Compliance – Vehicle Maintenance Requirements

Fines and Penalty Points

Failing to comply with Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Regulations	Court appearance attracting a €5,000 (Class A) fine and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months on conviction
Driving vehicle before remedying dangerous defect	Mandatory court appearance attracting 3 penalty points & fine not exceeding €5,000 (Class A) on conviction
Driving dangerously defective vehicle	Mandatory court appearance attracting 5 penalty points & fine not exceeding €5,000 (Class A) on conviction
Using Commercial Vehicle without Certificate of Roadworthiness (CRW)	Mandatory court appearance attracting 5 penalty points & fine not exceeding €5,000 (Class A) on conviction

Consequences for Non Compliance – Tachograph & Drivers Hours Requirements

Fines and Penalty Points

Failing to comply with the tachograph rules / rules on Driving Times, Breaks & Rest Periods

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Further Information Available

- www.drivingforwork.ie
- www.hsa.ie
- www.garda.ie
- www.rsa.ie

