



Driving for Work - The Road Landscape.

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“It Won’t Happen
To Me!”



Road Collision Statistics 2001-2009

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Killed	335	374	396	365	338	279	241
Injured	8,262	7,867	9,318	8,575	7,806	9,758	9,564
Total	8,597	8,241	9,714	8,940	8,144	10,037	9,805

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Fatalities to Date (31.05.10)

89

(Down 18 on Last Year)

Drivers: 42

Pedestrians: 24

Passengers: 16

Motorcyclists: 6 (+ 1 pillion)



Registered Vehicles



1985

914,758

1990

1,054,259

1995

1,262,503

2007

2,539,090

Registered Goods Vehicles.

Year	Registered Goods Vehicles
2000	205,575
2002	219,510
2004	251,130
2006	318,604
2008	345,874

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Collision Investigation.

An Garda Síochána – incl FCI Unit
(Prepare file for DPP- Coroner or Civil Court)

Health & Safety Authority

MEDIA !



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Road Traffic Acts 1961-2006.

Section 54(2) - Defect owner knows of OR
could have discovered by the
exercise of ordinary care.

Section 103(4) – Owner's duty to disclose
driver at time of alleged fixed charge
offence

Section 107(4) – Owner's duty to disclose
driver at time of alleged
offence.





Increased Injury Severity

Speed vs Pedestrians % killed

30Km/h

5%

50Km/h

45%

60Km/h

85%



Collisions – Primary Causes

1. Inappropriate Speed
2. Impaired Driving
3. Fatigue
4. Seat Belts
5. Distractions





SPEED

WHAT SPEED IS THIS VEHICLE
TRAVELLING AT ?

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How fast to turn over a standard car?

30 Km/h?

40 Km/h?

50 Km/h?

60 Km/h?

80 Km/h?

100 Km/h?





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Too fast for prevailing conditions :

: Vehicle

: Traffic Density

: Weather & Road

: Driver

: Light

NOT SIMPLY EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT



94-09-74

15:49:02

05-02

FP SPEED
0,00 m.p.h.

SPEED
066 m.p.h.

D: .228 m. T: 15,03 s.

ProVIDA



28.7.2009 18:24:10



ALCOHOL

effects on the body

- ❖ Slows reflexes
- ❖ Impairs muscle coordination
- ❖ Affects judgment & decision making
- ❖ Affects mood & emotions
- ❖ Can impair vision & hearing
- ❖ Reduces the ability to perceive risks

Fatigue

How will I know?

- ✦ Restlessness or day dreaming
- ✦ Yawning
- ✦ Aches and pains
- ✦ Lazy 'staring' eyes
- ✦ Variation in speed of vehicle
- ✦ 'Wandering' across lanes



10/09/01
1817—
17.277m

597000

07:39:53
0096308F
0

S: 0.00mph

0: 31mph

d: 0.000m

t: 0.00s

JAI/PROVIDA

DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR
A SEATBELT ?

Garda Road
Safety Unit



DISTRACTIONS???

Sat Nav

Radio / Stereo / CD

Mobile Phones



Playground

Office

Beautician



Do You Stop on the
Hard Shoulder?

A photograph of a winding asphalt road with double yellow lines, curving through a hilly, vegetated landscape. The road is the central focus, leading the eye into the distance. The surrounding terrain is covered in green bushes and small trees. In the background, there are utility poles with power lines stretching across the scene. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

Heavy Goods Vehicles



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Most Common Vehicle Defects



Most Common Defects

Position	Heavy Goods Trailers, Buses & Ambulances	Heavy Goods Vehicles	Trailers and Semi-Trailers	Buses	Ambulances	Light Goods Vehicles
First	Warning Triangle	Warning Triangle	Reflectors & Rear & Side Markings	Wipers / Washers	Headlamp Aim	Headlamp Aim
Second	Reflectors & Rear & Side Markings	Speedometer/ Tachograph/ Speed Limiter	Side Lamps / Marker Lamps	Speedometer/ Tachograph/ Speed Limiter	Wipers / Washers	Rear Lamps / Reg Plate Lamp
Third	Speedometer/ Tachograph/ Speed Limiter	Reflectors & Rear & Side Markings	Mechanical Brake Components	Headlamp Aim	Stop Lamps	Wipers / Washers
Fourth	Wipers / Washers	Wipers / Washers	Rear Lamps	PSV Emergency Exits	Side Lamps / Marker Lamps	Exhaust Smoke (DSL)
Fifth	Headlamp Aim	Headlamp Aim	Reg Plate & Chassis Number	Steering Linkage	Mechanical Brake Components	Steering Linkage
Sixth	Side Lamps / Marker Lamps	Side Lamps / Marker Lamps	Tyre Thread	Side Lamps / Marker Lamps	Rear Lamps	Stop Lamps
Seventh	Rear Lamps	Steering Linkage	Stop Lamps	Cab & Body Work	Steering Linkage	Front Suspension
Eight	Steering Linkage	Rear Lamps	Shock Absorbers	Rear Lamps	Transmission	Parking Brake Imbalance
Ninth	Stop Lamps	Stop Lamps	Service Brake Performance	PSV Seats	Shock Absorbers	Service Brake Performance
Tenth	Mechanical Brake Components	Shock Absorbers	Cab & Body Work	Parking Brake Imbalance	Emergency Brake Performance	Parking Brake Performance

A yellow dump truck is parked on a road at a construction site. The truck's bed is raised, and it appears to be dumping or has just dumped a load of dark material, possibly asphalt or gravel, onto the road surface. In the background, there are trees, a white car, and a yellow excavator. A red and white striped caution tape is stretched across the road. In the foreground, there are stacks of concrete blocks and a pile of brown mulch or soil. The text "Is it Safe ?" is overlaid in large, green, bold letters with a red outline.

Is it Safe ?



Other Issues.

1. Quarry Entrance
2. Overweight
3. Driver CPC
4. Magnets





Thank You

Road Safety

The Choice Is Yours

