



ROAD SAFETY IN IRELAND Who Does What?

Údarás Um Shábháilteacht Ar Bhóithre
Road Safety Authority

THE ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY IS DETERMINED TO
MAKE IRELAND'S ROADS SAFER THROUGH BETTER
SERVICE, EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT.

Road Safety in Ireland

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Introduction: The Road Safety Authority (RSA) was established in September 2006 to take a lead role in the area of road safety in Ireland and is responsible for:

- Raising awareness of and promoting road safety through mass media campaigns and education programmes
- Road safety research
- Driver testing and licensing
- Vehicle standards
- Road haulage enforcement functions
- Registration of driving instructors (ADI)
- Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC)

Primary agencies that the RSA works with:

- Department of Transport (DoT)
- An Garda Síochána
- National Roads Authority (NRA)
- Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)
- Local Authorities / Local County Councils

Please turn over to see Ireland's Road Safety Team and find out who does what.....

The RSA acknowledges that this is not an exhaustive list and we recognise that there are many more groups and organisations working across Ireland to promote and improve road safety in our communities.

Organisation	Responsibility / Function	Contact
<p>Road Safety Authority (RSA) (please see P.11-14 for contact details of other RSA departments)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Awareness and road safety education • Analysis of collisions, deaths and serious injuries • Road safety research • Advising on road safety policy formation • Driver testing and licensing • Driver theory testing • Publishing the Rules of the Road • Vehicle standards • Road haulage enforcement – drivers hours, tachographs, Road Transport Working Time Directive and operator licensing requirements • Issuing of digital tachograph cards • Oversight of National Car Test • Oversight of Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness including testing standards and roadside checks • Licensing of ADR Vehicle TestCentres • Registration of driving instructors (Approved Driving Instructors - ADI) • Driver Certificate of Professional Competence –(Driver CPC) • Road Safety Educational programmes in pre school, primary, secondary, third level and community based • Co-ordinate and monitor the Road Safety Strategy 2007 - 2012 	<p>LoCall: 1890 50 60 80 Tel: 096-25000 Web: www.rsa.ie Email: info@rsa.ie</p>
<p>Department of Transport (DoT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting and implementing legislation on road safety • Setting road safety policy • Delivery on the national roads programme as part of the National Development Plan • Funding of Local Authorities for regional and local roads improvements • Oversee a well functioning, integrated public transport system • Penalty points system 	<p>LoCall: 1890 44 33 11 Tel: 01 670 7444 Email: info@transport.ie Web: www.transport.ie</p>

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An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of legislation and regulations regarding road users • Ensure free movement of traffic and enforcement of all aspects of traffic legislation • Enforcement of Public Service Vehicle and Commercial Vehicle regulations • Safety Cameras (speed detection cameras) • Supervision, examination and licensing of Public Service Vehicles (PSV) and drivers • Identification of collision prone zones • Technical examinations of vehicles subject to Garda investigation • Traffic Watch • Provision of road safety information to the community • Bike Safe – training motorcyclists to become better and more competent riders • Forensic Collision Investigation 	<p>Tel: 01-666 9800 (Road Safety Unit)</p> <p>Web: www.garda.ie</p> <p>Email: traffic@garda.ie</p>
Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To carry out analysis on specimens of blood, urine and breath, for their intoxicant (alcohol and/or drugs) content, provided by the Gardaí by persons suspected of driving offences • To issue certificate of results of such analyses • The provision of equipment for the taking of such specimens and approval of apparatus for indicating the presence and the concentration of alcohol in breath • Research on drinking and drugs in relation to driving, including the methods of determining the amount of alcohol or drugs in a person's body 	<p>Tel :01-716 7235</p> <p>Web: http://www.ucd.ie/legalmed/mbrs.html</p> <p>email : legal.Medicine@ucd.ie</p>

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<p>National Roads Authority (NRA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and supervision of construction and maintenance of national roads • Preparing, or arranging for the preparation of road designs, maintenance programmes and schemes for the provision of traffic signs on national roads • Securing the carrying out of construction, improvement and maintenance works on national roads • Allocating and paying grants for national roads • Directing local authorities on a number of matters, including making a motorway scheme; application for a bridge order; acquiring land by compulsory purchaser order and preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) • Road Tolling 	<p>Tel: 01-6602511 Web: www.nra.ie Email: info@nra.ie</p>
<p>National Car Testing Service (NCTS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation and operation of the national car testing service in Ireland, aimed at improving road safety and enhancing environmental protection 	<p>Tel: 1890-200670 Web: www.ncts.ie Email: info@ncts.ie Booking Number: LoCall 1890412413'</p>

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<p>Local Authorities (29 county councils; 5 city councils)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and improvement works on all regional and local roads within the administrative area • The issuing of driving licences through the network of Motor Taxation Offices (MTO) • Setting speed limits in line with legislation • Faults with public lighting • Hedge/tree cutting • Drainage • Flooding / spillages • Winter maintenance (e.g. gritting) • Temporary closure of roads • Traffic diversions • Promotion of road safety at local level through the Road Safety Officer for the County • Consideration of road safety issues in the granting of planning permission • Regulation of commercial vehicle test centres 	<p>LoCall: 1890 20 20 21 Web: www.environ.ie and follow links to local government</p>
<p>Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform (DoJELR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Road Safety • Provide resources to the Gardai and Courts • Research and evaluation on effectiveness of correction / rehabilitation programmes for road traffic offences • Implementation of recommendations of the Coroners Review Group 	<p>Tel: 01-6028202 Web: www.justice.ie Email: info@justice.ie</p>
<p>Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide the essential legislative framework and policy guidance on matters relating to the planning system 	<p>LoCall 1890 20 20 21 Web: www.environ.ie</p>

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Department of Education and Science (DoE&S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with Bus Éireann, ensure that all school buses in the school transport scheme are fitted with safety belts to an approved standard In conjunction with Bus Éireann, promoting safety both in the vicinity and on school bus In conjunction with the RSA deliver road safety programmes for students 	Tel: 057-9324300 Web: www.education.ie Email: info@education.gov.ie
Department of Environment Northern Ireland (DoENI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility for road safety in Northern Ireland Explore opportunities to promote North/South cooperation on road safety awareness campaigns 	Tel: 0044-28 9054 0540 Web: www.doeni.gov.uk
Health and Safety Authority (HSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote good standards of health and safety at work which includes work-related vehicle safety Inspect all places of work and monitor compliance with health and safety laws; Investigate serious accidents, causes of ill health and complaints at work Develop and provide information and guidance on work related vehicle safety; Enforce carriage of dangerous goods by roads legislation (ADR) Enforce health and safety legislation and specifically the construction regulations at road works May become involved in work-related road traffic collision investigations where safety cannot be adequately regulated by the enforcement of road traffic legislation, for example, in the case of serious management failings. In such cases, the Health and Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána may carry out joint investigations and issue joint proceedings 	LoCall: 1890 289 389 Web: www.hsa.ie Email: wcu@hsa.ie
Health Service Executive (HSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides advice and evaluation of the population health impacts of road safety initiatives Emergency Department Service Provides, national ambulance service, hospital emergency department and treatment services, community rehabilitation services, advice on and evaluation of the health impacts of road safety issues 	Infoline: 1850 24 1850 Web: www.hse.ie Email: info@hse.ie

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Dublin Transportation Office (DTO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides transport and land use planning advice to organisations operating in the Greater Dublin Area • Updates, co-ordinates and monitors the regional transport strategy for the GDA • Makes recommendations for implementation of the Strategy • Assesses consistency between state transport agency programmes and the Strategy • Participates in the planning process as a designated body under the Planning Act • Provides and publishes technical advice and analytical transport reports • Provides transport research, analysis and advice to Government, Transport Agencies and the public • Funds traffic management schemes in the GDA 	Tel: 01- 8798300 Web: www.dto.ie Email: info@dto.ie
The Commission for Taxi Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission for Taxi Regulation is an independent public body, the principal function of which is the development and maintenance of a regulatory framework for the control and operation of small public service vehicles (SPSVs) which comprise taxis, wheelchair accessible taxis, hackneys and limousines 	Tel: (1890) 606090 Web: www.taxireg.ie Email: commission@taxiregulator.ie
Bus Éireann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Éireann operates the School Transport Scheme on behalf of the Department of Education and Science 	Web: www.buseireann.ie
Irish Road Haulage Association (IRHA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Irish Road Haulage Association (IRHA) is the recognised national representative body of the licensed road haulage industry in the Republic of Ireland 	Tel: 01-8013380 Web: www.irha.ie Email: info@irha.ie

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County and City Enterprise Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and assistance to individuals who wish to bring new innovative road safety products to the market 	Web: www.enterpriseboards.ie
Courts Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To manage the courts, support the judiciary and provide a high quality and professional service to all users of the courts 	Tel: 01-8886000 Web: www.courts.ie
Automobile Association (AA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing the interests of motorists in the area of transportation 	Tel: 01-6179999 Web: www.aaireland.ie Email: aa@aireland.ie
Irish Insurance Federation (IIF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The representative body for insurance companies in Ireland • Providing information and increasing understanding of insurance among Government, the wider policy-making community and the general public 	Tel: 01-6761820 Web: www.iif.ie Email: fed@iif.ie
National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSAI sets the standards and issues certification for the quality and safety of goods and services. NSAI is the approval authority in Ireland for EC Whole Vehicle Type Approval, Individual Vehicle Approvals and Small Series approvals. The NSAI also approves workshops for the installation, calibration and repair of tachograph recording equipment and speedlimiters 	Tel: 01 807 3800 Web: www.nsai.ie Email: nsai@nsai.ie
Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIMI is the official voice of the motor industry in Ireland • SIMI represents the views of the industry to the Government, state bodies, the media and the motoring public 	Tel: 01-6761690 Web: www.simi.ie Email: info@simi.ie

Key Functions within the Road Safety Authority

RSA Department	Responsibility / Function	Contact
Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSA is the regulatory body for driving instruction in Ireland The objective of the ADI Unit is to standardise instruction and give the ADI a leading role in developing better drivers 	Tel: 096-25007 Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/ADI_(Approved_Driving_Instructor).html Email: adi@rsa.ie
Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective of the RSA CPC Unit is to implement a test system and a programme of compulsory training for all professional bus and truck drivers This is to set and maintain high standards of safety and driving among drivers of trucks and buses 	LoCall: 1890 50 60 80 Tel: 096 25015 Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/CPC_Unit.html Email: cpc@rsa.ie To apply for a CPC test, visit: www.drivingtest.ie
Driver Theory Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This service is operated by Prometric Ireland Limited on behalf of the Road Safety Authority. Theory tests are available at 41 test centre locations around the country as part of the RSA's driver testing and licensing process 	LoCall: English 1890 606 106 Irish 1890 606 806 Deaf Text Phone 1890 616 216 Web: www.theorytest.ie
Driver Testing & Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSA is responsible for the driver testing service and for the management of the driver licensing system www.drivingtest.ie provides applicants with information on test locations, waiting times and pass rates, as well as information on preparing for your driving test The RSA is responsible for overseeing the operation of the driver licensing system including negotiations on driver licensing matters at EU level Responsibility for the issuing of licences rests with local authorities through the network of Motor Taxation Offices (MTO). The role of the RSA is to prepare and issue guidelines to MTO's and offer advice to the Minister for Transport on licencing issues as requested 	To apply for a driving test: Lo Call: 1890 40 60 40 Email: drivingtest@rsa.ie Web: www.drivingtest.ie For Licensing Queries: Lo Call: 1890 41 61 41 Email: licensingqueries@rsa.ie Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Driver_Licensing.html

RSA Department	Responsibility / Function	Contact
<p>Vehicle Standards Section – General Overview</p>	<p>Vehicle Standards Section is responsible for standards related to the registration, construction, equipment, use, testing and examination of vehicles and their component and replacement parts</p> <p>The overall goal of this section is to ensure that Irish Road Traffic legislation, with respect to Vehicle Standards, is consistent with European Union regulatory requirements while also adopting and implementing international best practice for vehicle standards</p> <p>This sections primary functions involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of an Irish Type Approval System • Appointment and Oversight of NCT contract • Representing Ireland at EU meetings • Issuing Special Permits for Vehicles • Carrying out Reviews on issues pertaining to Vehicle Standards <p>The Vehicles Standards Section is also involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting new Road Traffic Legislation • Resolving Vehicle Standards issues for both Members of the Public and various Stakeholder groups 	<p>Lo Call: (1890) 506080 Tel: 096 25014 Email: vehiclestandards.ie Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Vehicle_Standards.html</p>

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Road Haulage Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the Road Haulage Enforcement section is to enforce EU and national road transport legislation on tachographs, driver's hours rules, the Road Transport Working Time Directive and the licensing of road haulage and passenger operations 	Tel: 091 872600 Email: enforcement@rsa.ie Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Road_Haulage_Enforcement.html
Digital Tachograph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Tachograph cards required to operate the digital tachograph system are issued by the digital Tachograph Section RSA Loughrea 	http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Digital Tachograph Tel: 091872600 Email: digitaltacho@rsa.ie
Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSA is responsible for the operation, oversight, quality assurance and delivery of Commercial Vehicle Testing arrangements The development, operation, oversight and delivery of random roadside roadworthiness testing arrangements for Commercial Vehicles The operation, oversight, further development and delivery of the scheme of vehicle technical examinations in relation to vehicles licensed to carry dangerous goods Local authorities are responsible for licensing and supervising test centres 	Tel: 091 872600 Email: vt@rsa.ie Web: http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Vehicle_Testing.html

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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and monitor road user education and awareness programmes in a cumulative approach up to third level• Design and implement new educational/awareness interventions targeting high risk groups in the workplace and their local communities	LoCall: 1890 50 60 80 Web: www.rsa.ie Email: info@rsa.ie

Road Safety In Ireland – Who To Contact?

	RSA	DoT	An Garda Síochána	NRA	Local Authorities
Approved Driving Instructors (ADI)	●				
Allocation of Grants to projects on road network				●	
Analysis of collisions, deaths and serious injuries	●				
Vehicle Standards NCT	●				
Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)	●				
Commercial Vehicle Testing	●				●
Compulsory Training for Motorcyclists	●				
Construction and Maintenance of National Roads				●	
Driver Testing	●				
Driver Licensing	●				
Driving Instruction	●				
Enforcement of Traffic Legislation			●		
Gritting of Roads					●
Identification of Collision Prone Zones	●		●		

	RSA	DoT	An Garda Síochána	NRA	Local Authorities
Maintenance of National Roads Programme				●	
Oil spillage / Flooding			●		●
Penalty Points		●			
Public Lighting					●
Reduce Congestion		●			
Road Closures					●
Road Collision Statistics (deaths and serious injuries)	●		●		
Road Conditions				●	●
Road Construction				●	●
Road Haulage Enforcement	●		●		
Road Markings					●
Road Safety Legislation		●			
Road Signs				●	●
Road Works					●
Rules of the Road	●	●			
Speed Limits			●		●
Safety Cameras (speed detection cameras)			●		
Technical & Forensic Examinations			●		
Traffic Management			●		
Traffic Watch			●		

Some websites of interest for further information:

- www.penaltypoints.ie
- www.drivingtest.ie
- www.theorytest.ie
- www.rulesoftheroad.ie
- www.roadsafetyni.gov.uk

Working To Save Lives

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