



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 SAFETY THROUGH BETTER
SERVICE, EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT

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Introduction: The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is recognised as the leading voice for Road Safety Nationally and a leading voice internationally, driving change in attitudes and behaviours in road users, collaborating with key stakeholders to save lives. The RSA works to improve road safety in Ireland by

- Developing and implementing information and education campaigns to increase awareness of Road Safety and promote safer road use.
- Improving Vehicle Standards and oversight of the vehicle road-worthiness tests for private and commercial vehicles.
- Establishing and monitoring a standard for driving instruction
- Overseeing the system of driver licensing and undertaking certain enforcement activities.
- Responsible for testing of drivers through the driving test.
- Working with stakeholders to ensure a co-ordinated response and ensure our collective resources are used wisely and efficiently.
- Coordinate and monitor the Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020

Primary agencies that the RSA works with:

- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS)
- An Garda Síochána
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)
- Local Authorities/Local County Councils
- Health and Safety Authority (HSA)

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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Awareness and road safety education • Analysis of garda data, deaths and serious injuries • Road safety research • Advising on road safety policy formation • Driver testing • Driver licensing through the National Driver Licence Service • Driver Theory Testing • Publishing the Rules of the Road • Vehicle standards • Road haulage enforcement – Checking compliance with EU drivers’ Hours and tachograph rules, Road Transport. Working Time Directive, requirement to hold a road transport operator licence and drivers CPC • Technical roadside Inspections – carrying out technical roadside inspections of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles using Irish Roads, and visiting commercial vehicle operator premises to check for compliance with the Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness (Vehicle Repair & Maintenance) Regulations • Issuing of digital tachograph cards • Oversight of National Car Test • Management of Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing system • Authorisation & Supervision of CVR Testing Centres including ADR Vehicle Test Centres (transport of hazardous goods) • 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 • Coordinate and monitor the Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 	<p>Lo Call: 1890 50 60 80 Tel: 096 25000 Web: www.rsa.ie Email: info@rsa.ie</p>

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Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS)	<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 • Co-ordinating the involvement of agencies under its remit in the Governments National Emergency Planning Office (e.g. Severe Weather Response) • Issuing and monitoring of Road Transport Operator Licences 	<p>Lo Call: 1890 44 33 11 Tel: 01 670 7444 Email: info@dttas.gov.ie Web: www.dttas.gov.ie</p> <p>Tel: 076 100 1601 Web: www.rtol.ie Email: rtol@dttas.ie</p>
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 • Provision of road safety information to the community • Forensic Collision Investigation 	<p>Tel: 01 666 1792 (Road Safety Unit) Web: www.garda.ie Email: traffic@garda.ie</p>

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<p>Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)</p>	<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 5555 Web: www.ucd.ie/legalmed/mbrs.html email: forensic.medicine@ucd.ie</p>
<p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)</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 • Statutory function to input into The setting of speed limits by Local Authorities on National routes 	<p>Tel: 01 646 3600 Web: www.tii.ie Email: info@tii.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: 01 413 5996 NCT Bookings: 01 413 5975 Web: www.ncts.ie Email: info@ncts.ie</p>
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Local Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and improvement works on all regional and local roads within the administrative area • Setting speed limits in line with legislation and in case of national routes in consultation with NRA and An Garda Siochana • 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 • Gritting of Roads 	<p>Lo Call: 1890 20 20 21 Web: www.environ.ie and follow links to local government</p>
Department of Justice and Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the Ministerial Committee on Road Safety • Provide resources to the Gardaí and Courts • Research and evaluation on effectiveness of correction/rehabilitation programmes for road traffic offences 	<p>Tel: 01 602 8202 Web: www.justice.ie Email: info@justice.ie</p>
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide the essential legislative framework and policy guidance on matters relating to the planning system 	<p>Lo Call: 1890 20 20 21 Web: www.environ.ie</p>

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Department of Education and Skills	<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: 057 932 4300 Web: www.education.ie Email: info@education.gov.ie
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 	Lo Call: 1890 289 389 Web: www.hsa.ie Email: wcu@hsa.ie

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<p>Health Service Executive (HSE)</p>	<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 	<p>Infoline: 1850241850 Web: www.hse.ie Email: info@hse.ie</p>
<p>National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiological monitoring of cases of drug and alcohol-related deaths, deaths among drug users and among alcohol dependent persons in Ireland. The objective of the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) is to provide high-quality data so that the State can respond in a timely manner with accurate data on drug-related mortality. 	<p>Tel :01 2345000 Email: ndrdi@hrb.ie</p>

National Transport Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure public transport services by means of public transport services contracts • Provide integrated ticketing, fares and public transport information • Manage the Rural Transport Programme and the successor structure of Transport Co-ordination Units • Provide bus infrastructure and fleet and cycling facilities and schemes • Develop and maintain a regulatory framework for the control and operation of small public service vehicles (taxis, hackneys and limousines) and their drivers • Prepare statutory submissions on Regional Planning Guidelines • Collect statistical data and information on transport • Enforce EU passenger rights in rail, maritime and bus and coach transport • Operate as the national conciliation body for electronic toll service providers 	<p>Tel: 01 879 8300</p> <p>Web: www.nationaltransport.ie</p> <p>Email: info@nta.ie</p>
Bus Éireann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Éireann operates the School Transport Scheme on behalf of the Department of Education and Science 	<p>Web: www.buseireann.ie</p>
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 	<p>Tel: 01 801 3380</p> <p>Web: www.irha.ie Email: info@irha.ie</p>

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Freight Transport Association Ireland (FTAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Freight Transport Association Ireland is a membership trade association for the Irish freight and logistics industry 	Tel: 01 844 7516 Web: www.ftai.ie
Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Coach Tourism & Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC) is a representative body for Ireland's coach touring companies and Ireland's private bus operators 	Tel: 01 890 2635 Web: www.cttc.ie
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.localenterprise.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: 01 888 6000 Web: www.courts.ie
Automobile Association (AA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing the interests of motorists in the area of transportation Operates an NCT Independent Appeals Board (IAB) on behalf of the RSA 	Tel: 01 617 9999 Web: www.theaa.ie Email: aa@theaa.ie IAB Email: technical@theaa.ie
Insurance Ireland	<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: 01 676 1820 Web: www.insuranceireland.eu Email: info@insuranceireland.eu
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 speed limiters 	Tel: 01 807 3800 Web: www.nsai.ie Email: info@nsai.ie

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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: 01 676 1690 Web: www.simi.ie Email: info@simi.ie
PARC Road Safety Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARC Road Safety Group is an NGO advocating for road safety and road traffic victims 	Tel: 086 377 3784 Website: www.parcroadsafety.ie Email: susan@parcgroup.ie
Irish Road Victims Association (IRVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Irish Road Victims Association is a NGO that supports those bereaved or injured by road collisions and campaigns for justice, rights and recognition for Road Crash Victims 	Tel: 086 863 4194 Web: www.irva.ie Email: irva@eircom.net

Key Functions within the Road Safety Authority

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<p>Driver Education</p> <p>Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) Unit</p>	<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 	<p>Web: http://www.rsa.ie/en/utility/driving-instructors1/ Email: adi@rsa.ie</p>
<p>Driver Education</p> <p>Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) Unit</p>	<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 	<p>Web: http://www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Professional-Drivers/Driver-Hours/ Email: cpc@rsa.ie To apply for a CPC test, visit: www.drivingtest.ie</p>
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 	<p>Lo Call: English: 1890 606 106 Irish: 1890 606 806 Deaf Text Phone: 1890 616 216 Web: www.theorytest.ie</p>
Driver Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSA is responsible for the driver testing service 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. 	<p>To apply for a test and for all information, visit www.rsa.ie</p> <p>Lo Call: 1890 40 60 40 Email: drivingtest@rsa.ie Web: www.drivingtest.ie</p>
Driver Licensing (NDLS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility for the production and issuing of driving licenses and learner permits transferred from Local Authorities to the RSA in October 2013. The service is delivered through a network of National Driver Licence Service centres around the country The RSA is responsible for overseeing the operation of the driver licensing system including negotiations on driver licensing matters at EU level 	<p>For Licensing Queries: Lo Call: 1890416141 Email: info@ndls.ie Web: www.ndls.ie</p>

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<p>Vehicle Standards Section – General Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Standards Section is responsible for standards related to the construction, equipment, use, testing and examination of vehicles and their component and replacement parts <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 • Oversight and management of the Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing System and network of CVRT testing centres around the country • 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 resolving Vehicle Standards issues for both Members of the Public and various Stakeholder groups.</p>	<p>Lo Call: 1890 506 080 Tel: 096 25014 Email: vehiclestandards@rsa.ie Web: www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Your-Vehicle/Vehicle-Standards/</p>
<p>Road Haulage Enforcement</p>	<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, the requirements to hold a road transport operators' licence and drivers CPC 	<p>Tel: 091 872 600 Email: enforcement@rsa.ie Web: www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Road_Haulage_Enforcement.html</p>

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Roadside Technical Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSA Vehicle Inspectors, with assistance from An Garda Síochána, carry out technical roadside inspections of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles using Irish Roads. AGS take subsequent prosecutions where warranted based on the outcome of these inspections. 	<p>Tel: 091 872 600</p> <p>Email: enforcement@rsa.ie</p> <p>Web: https://www.cvrt.ie/en/Operator-Driver-Obligations/Pages/Roadside-inspections.aspx</p>
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 	<p>Web: www.rsa.ie/RSA/Professional-Drivers/Tachograph-cards/Driver-card/Apply-for-a-driver-card/</p> <p>Tel: 091 872 600</p> <p>Email: digitaltacho@rsa.ie</p>
Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing (CVRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSA is responsible for the operation, oversight, quality assurance and delivery of Commercial Vehicle Testing arrangements Responsibility for Authorisation and Supervision of the network of CVRT test centres around the country The development, operation, oversight and enforcement of commercial vehicle operators vehicle testing, maintenance and repair obligations The operation, oversight, further development and delivery of the scheme of vehicle technical examinations in relation to vehicles licensed to carry dangerous goods 	<p>Tel: 091 872 690</p> <p>Email: cvrtadmin@rsa.ie</p> <p>Web: www.cvrt.ie</p>

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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of mass media communications targeting the main causal factors and at risk groups on our roads • Monitor road user education and awareness programmes targeted in Pre- School, Primary, Post-Primary, Third Level and Community • Design and implement new educational/ awareness interventions as required • Design and implement new educational/ awareness interventions as required • Maintain a regional structure to lead the delivery of road safety education and awareness programmes at a local level nationwide • Delivering of the National Road Safety Education Service • Distribution of high visibility material/ promotional goods for all road users • Ensure all education/awareness materials are readily accessible to the road using public • Integrate International road safety awareness events 	<p>Lo Call: 1890 50 60 80 Web: www.rsa.ie Email: info@rsa.ie</p>

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<p>Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the road collision database and data system • In-depth analysis of collision data • Production of statistical reports on road collisions in Ireland • Survey of speed and seatbelt wearing on Irish roads • Systematic identification of high collision locations on national road network • Conducting multi-disciplinary research to understand how road collisions and resulting injuries are caused • Proposing and evaluating ways to prevent collisions and injuries • Participation in national and international research projects in the field of road safety • Participation in EU research programmes such as SARTRE, CARE, IRTAD and EURORAP • Provision of information to the public, national and international bodies <p>The department also liaises with the Garda National Traffic Bureau, the National Roads Authority, the Local Government Computer Science Board and other organisations on aspects of road safety research activities.</p>	<p>Lo Call: 1890 50 60 80 Web: www.rsa.ie Email: info@rsa.ie</p>

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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	●						
Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Enforcement	●		●				
Compulsory Training for Motorcyclists	●						
Construction and Maintenance of National Roads				●			
Driver Testing	●						
National Driver Licence Service (NDLS)	●						
Driving Instruction	●						
Enforcement of Traffic Legislation			●				
Gritting of Roads					●		
Identification of Collision Prone Zones	●		●				
Maintenance of National Roads Programme				●			
Oil spillage/Flooding			●		●		
Penalty Points		●					

	RSA	DTTas	AnGarda Síochána	TII	Local Authorities	NERA	HSA
Public Lighting					●		
Reduce Congestion		●					
Road Closures					●		
Road Collision Statistics (deaths and serious injuries)	●		●				
Road Conditions				●	●		
Road Construction				●	●		
Road Haulage Enforcement	●		●				
Road Transport Operator Licensing		●					
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			●				
Working Conditions						●	●

Working to Save Lives

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