

Safe holidays with the Road Transport Inspection

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For many, holidays are a period of long-awaited rest, but also a time of increased traffic on the roads. The Road Transport Inspectorate will take care of the safety of passengers - intensified activities start. Rafał Weber, the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Alvin Gajadhur, Chief Inspector of Road Transport, appealed for a prudent and accordant with the rules journey during their briefing.



Inspection intensifies its activities

ITD is starting intensified activities for safer holiday travel – lorries and coaches' controls are done among others by mobile diagnostic stations, specialist control sets and speed recording devices.

Inspectors will check the technical state of vehicles, the sobriety of drivers, their time of work. The Inspection warns that a tired driver is as dangerous as the driver under the influence of alcohol. The drivers' and transport companies' permissions will also be verified. Inspectors will also check if restrictions on the traffic movement of certain vehicles with a maximum authorized mass exceeding 12 tonnes are respected.

An important element of the activities will also be checking the weight of vehicles. Exceeding the permissible gross vehicle weight causes a threat to road safety, but also contributes to excessive degradation of the road surface.

Increased coach traffic

The holiday period is not only the time of individual trips, but also organized trips. In order to make trips and returns safe, the Inspection will conduct coach inspections, both at specially designated points as well as on main communication routes. Checks will be carried out, inter alia with the use of mobile diagnostic stations that enable a detailed check of the technical condition of the vehicle. Inspectors will carry out random checks as well as on the request of parents or tour operators. Anyone interested can submit a coach for inspection. Such notification should be directed to the competent provincial road transport inspectorate.

"We will focus on ensuring security on Polish roads during the holidays," informed Alvin Gajadhur, Chief Inspector of Road Transport. "We will focus on checking coaches and trucks. We intensify our activities as part of the "Safe Coach" campaign, which we have been carrying out since 2003. We make sure that children can safely reach the place of rest," emphasized the Chief Inspector of Road Transport.

"This is a very important action," said Rafał Weber, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure. "Vacation time is the time when there are many accidents in which there are fatalities. I am glad that GITD is once again intensifying its activities at this time, caring for the safety of road users," added Rafał Weber. "Together with the inspector, we appeal to everyone about sensible driving and mutual respect. Take your foot off the gas, do not hurry. The most important goal should be reaching the goal. It could be 15 minutes later, it's important to get there."

During last year's holidays ITD inspectors checked 1670 coaches - 71 registration documents were checked (4.3%), including 17 cases (1%) due to the terrible and threatening safety of passengers, the technical condition of vehicles also required bans for further driving. In 465 (28%) cases, the activities were completed with the imposition of criminal fines. The inspectors have prevented the further driving of two bus drivers who were under the influence of alcohol.

Speed is still dangerous

Inspectors will also carry out systematic control on dangerous sections of national roads, reacting to offenses threatening road safety and make speed measurements at designated control points. Currently, over 430 speed cameras, 30 devices for staple measurement of average speed and 20 devices registering the entry at a red-light support the inspectors. Speed controls are necessary.

During the last year's holidays, as many as 215.5 thousand violations of speeding were registered. The drivers exceeded the permitted speed by an average of 22 km / h. In over 2.5 thousand steering cases exceeded the permitted speed in the built-up area by more than 50 km / h. The disgraced recorder exceeded the speed in Nowy Targ by 100 km / h with a speed limit of 60 km / h.

Road Transport Inspection reminds!

Driver's times

Bus drivers as well as lorry drivers should make a minimum of 45-minute break after every 4.5 hours of driving. The daily driving limit is 9 hours, it can be extended to 10, not more often than twice a week.

Restrictions on the move

Restrictions and prohibitions on the move for vehicles of over 12 tonnes will already apply on:

- June 19, 6.00 PM - 10.00 PM
- June 20 (Corpus Christi), 8.00 AM - 10.00 PM

Drivers of vehicles over 12 tonnes must also remember holiday restrictions and prohibitions on the move, which are regulated by the Regulation of the Minister of Transport of July 31, 2007 on periodic restrictions and the ban on certain types of vehicles on roads:

- Friday from 6.00 PM - 10.00 PM
- Saturday from 8.00 AM - 2.00 PM
- Sunday from 8.00 AM - 10.00 PM

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