
On June 15 it is the Day of Road Safety / MOVING warns:

Driving without a driving license is a deadly danger on German roads!

Berlin, 12 June 2019: A quarter of Germans who caused an accident with personal injury without a driving license were between 25 and 35 years old. 22 percent of Germans who took to the wheel without a driving license and caused an accident were even under 25 years of age.¹ "This poses a major problem for road safety on German roads," said President Jörg-Michael Satz of the MOVING International Road Safety Association e.V.. That's why the association is calling for the Day of Road Safety on 15 June: "Let's all draw the attention of people in Germany to the extent of the responsibility they bear in road traffic - not for themselves but above all for the health and lives of other people. We say NO to driving without a driving license".

MOVING thus supports Vision Zero, a political goal of the coalition agreement signed by the current government. The aim is to make road traffic so safe that there will be no more injuries or deaths. To this end, the design of the means of transport and the traffic routes should be aligned accordingly and regulations on participation in road traffic should be adapted. "Driving without a driving license must be a thing of the past, so that we can make a major contribution to road safety on German roads," said the MOVING President.

Driving without a driving license: a problem in all age groups

However, driving without a driving license is not only a problem in the young age groups: even if the number of road traffic accident perpetrators decreases with increasing age, drivers between the ages of 35 and 45 still account for 17 percent of the total number of those without a valid driving license who caused an accident with personal injury. The share in the age group between 45 and 55 years was 15 percent. Only from the age of 55 did the proportion decrease significantly.¹

In 2017, a total of two percent of all accidents in which people were injured or even killed were caused by drivers without a driving license. Looking at the proportion of fatalities caused by drivers without a driving license, the figure is at three percent.¹

"We need an information campaign that shows how many people risk the lives of others and their own by driving without a driving license. And not only in Germany. Because driving without a driving license is a Europe-wide problem," demands Jörg-Michael Satz.

North Rhine-Westphalia and Bavaria: Most drivers without a driving license were registered here.

Statistics show that in 2016 - at least "on paper" - two federal states in particular were very conspicuous: in North Rhine-Westphalia, for example, a total of 21.000 cases were recorded in which a driver was driving without a driving license. In Bavaria there were 20.000 incidents. In Hamburg, Bremen and Saarland, on the other hand, there were only 1.000 cases in which persons without a valid driving license were registered by the police.

"Although these figures give a rough overview of the differences in the federal states, unfortunately there are neither statistics in Germany nor in Europe that record the individual persons per federal state or country, but only the number of offences. This means that multiple driving without a driving license by one and the same person is also included. We urgently need statistics of this kind, relating to individuals, in order to be able to draw up a representative

comparison between the European countries and at the level of federal states. Only in this way can we correctly assess the consequences to be drawn and implement appropriate measures," says Jörg-Michael Satz.

¹ Federal Statistical Office 2018, Accident statistics 2017

² Federal Motor Transport Authority 2019, Flensburg

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