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DVSA – Safe Systems

A view on safety & compliance

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Road Safety Strategy



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The strategy at a glance

This strategy sets out a clear and ambitious path to improve road safety in Great Britain. The government's commitments are grouped under four key themes, each supporting the overarching targets. The commitments for each theme are summarised below.

Overarching targets

- 65% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads in Great Britain by 2035, using a 2022-2024 baseline
- 70% reduction in the number of children (under 16) killed or seriously injured on roads in Great Britain by 2035, using a 2022-2024 baseline

Why now?

1,602

people killed on Great Britain's roads in 2024³

27,865

people seriously injured on Great Britain's roads in 2024⁴

4-5

people a day killed on Great Britain's roads in 2024⁵

Share of the number of people killed or seriously injured on Great Britain's roads by road user group

20% Motorcyclists⁶

18% Young People (17-24)⁷

12% Older People (70+)⁸

8% Children or young people (below age 16)⁹

Every 18 minutes

someone was killed or seriously injured on Great Britain's roads in 2024¹⁰

4th

safest country in Europe based on road deaths per million people, down from 3rd in 2023 – a lost decade with no progress¹¹

Approximately 9 in 10

collisions have human driver error as a contributory factor¹⁶

£6.9bn

estimated lost outputs due to collisions in 2024¹²

£264m

estimated police costs from collisions in 2024¹³

£3.1bn

estimated medical and ambulance costs from collisions in 2024¹⁴

6 times

more likely to be killed or seriously injured on rural roads vs motorways¹⁵

Evolving technologies

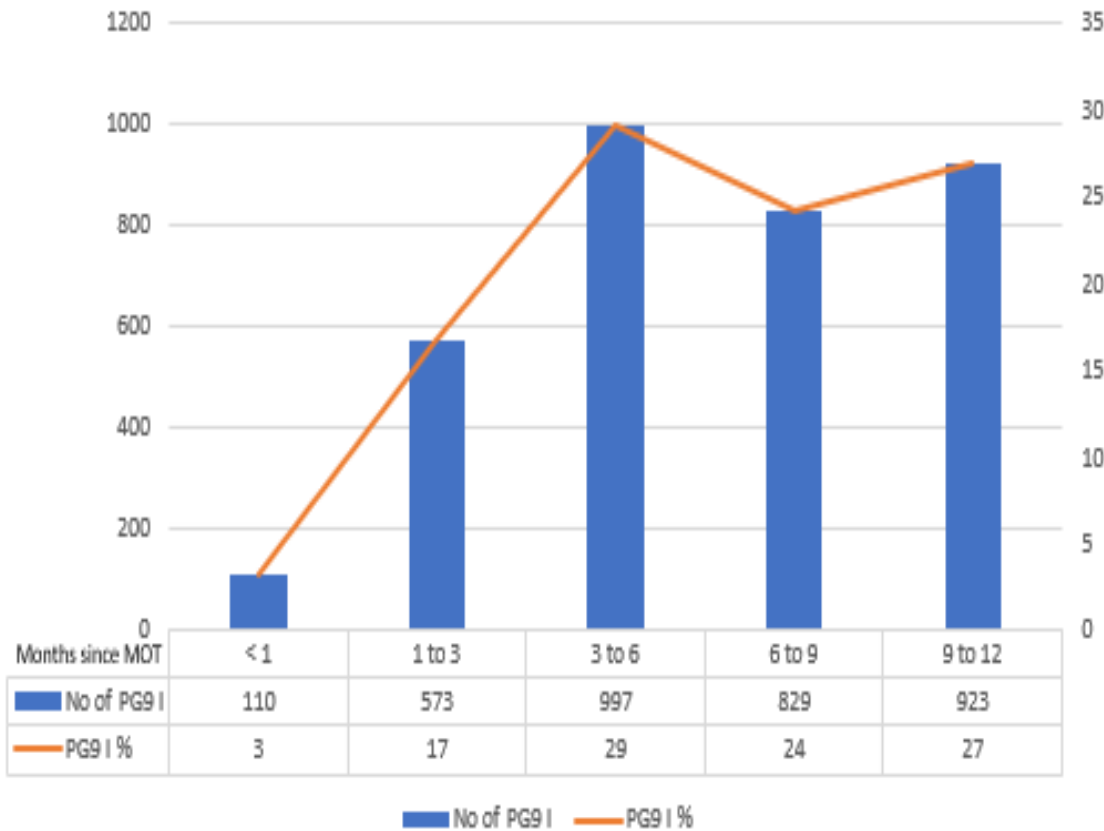
must be harnessed to ensure roads are safe, such as:

- automated and connected vehicles
- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
- new vehicle types such as e-scooters/bikes

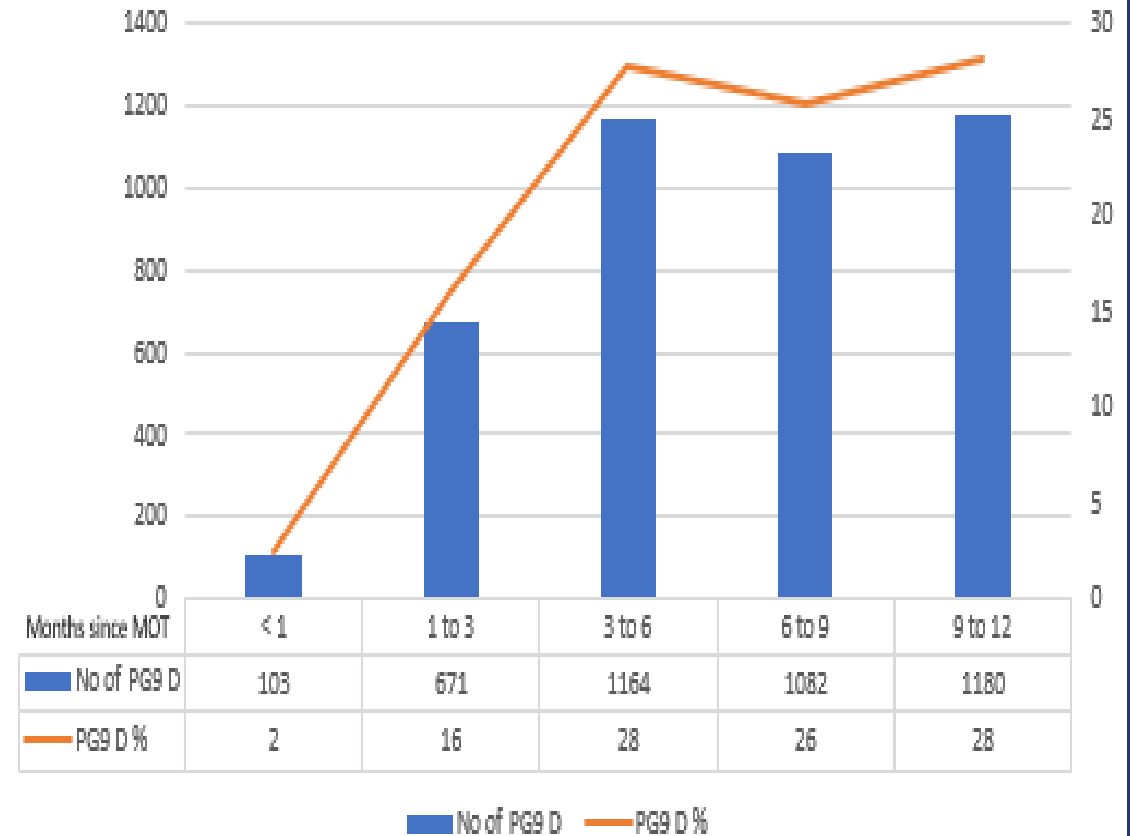
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HGV prohibitions immediate & delayed defects

PG9s with immediate defects

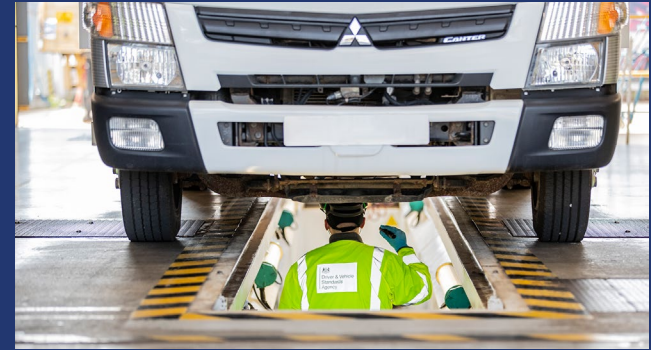


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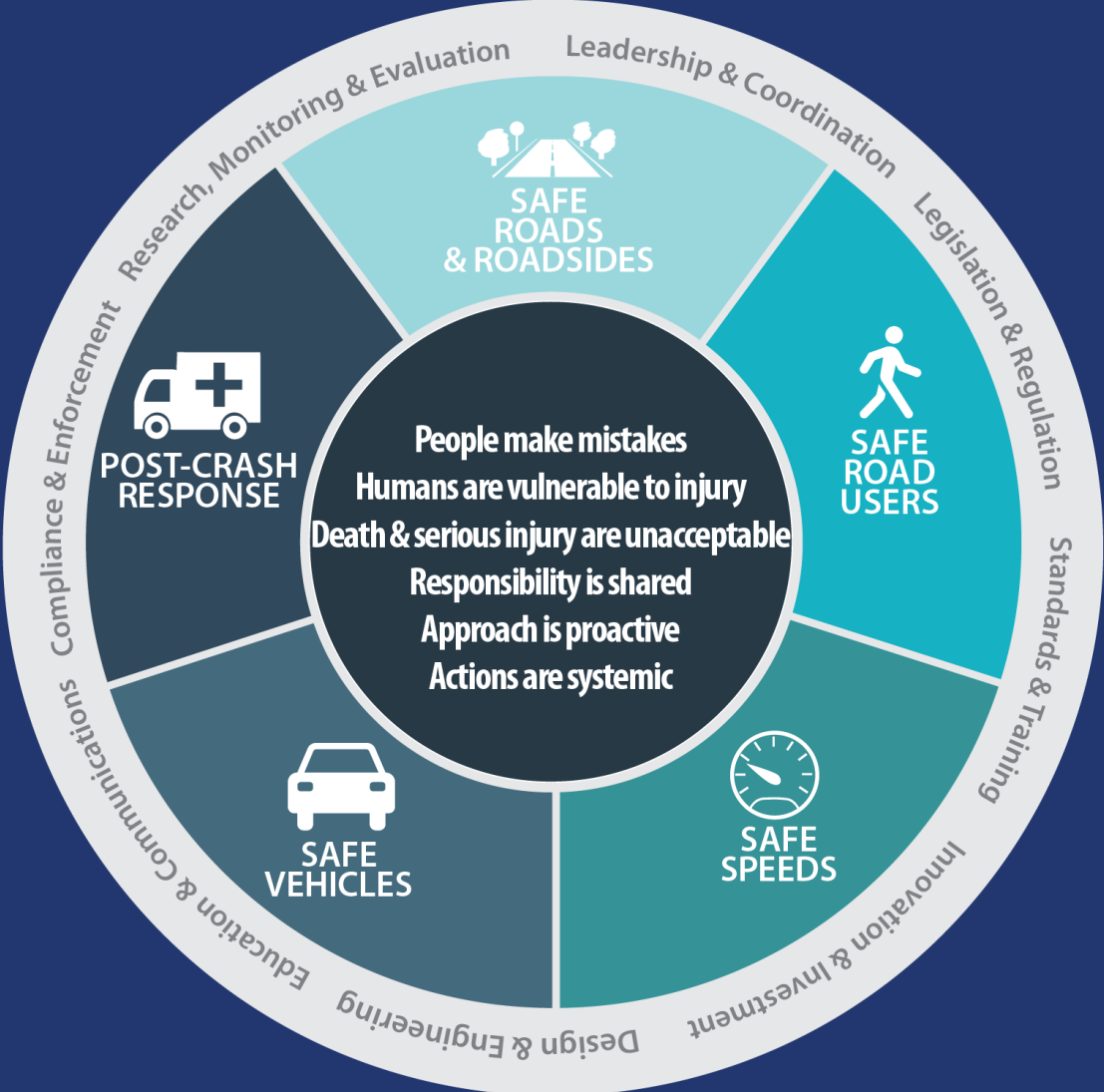


Encounters

- Fleet compliance – 14% (non-compliant)
- Annual test - 10% (non-compliant)
- Targeted – 27% (non-compliant)



Safe systems – the ‘whole picture’



...part of the system...



... limits not targets...





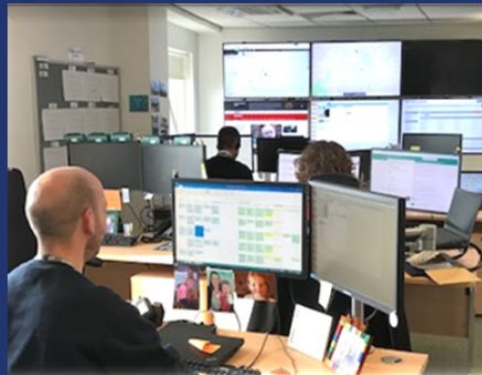
Remote and new enforcement approaches



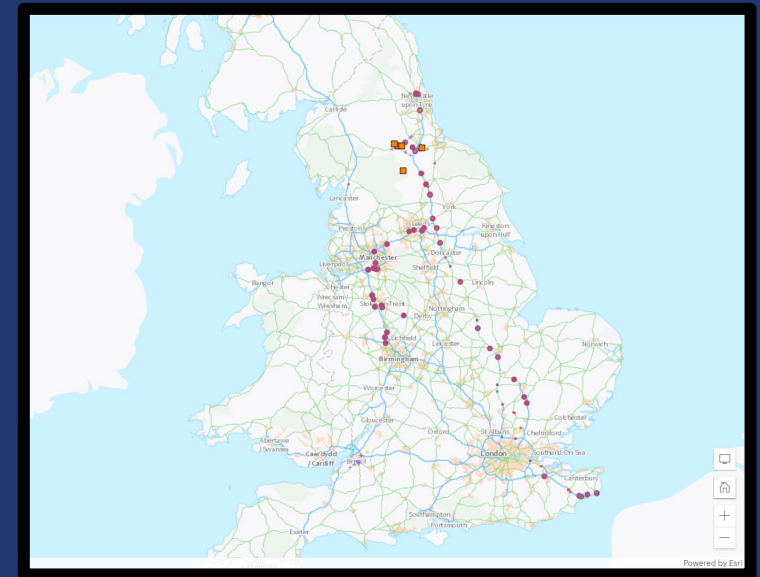
Remote targeted enforcement

- recent pilot work identifying vehicles with no MOT remotely and taking action from the record proved remote interventions can improve road safety in an efficient way
- using ANPR to remotely identify:
 - speed limiter interruption and fraud cases
 - offences in driving time
 - offences leading to civil penalties

Count of Hit	Day								
Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Grand Total	
00	6	9	9	4	15	18	7	68	
01	4	6	8	3	4	5	3	33	
02	7	7	8	11	9	9	2	53	
03	6	11	18	12	13	6	4	70	
04	17	17	17	23	11	14	1	100	
05	46	40	56	56	40	11	1	250	
06	126	131	107	110	98	21	24	617	
07	162	139	140	137	125	26	18	747	
08	152	182	170	182	144	36	17	883	
09	231	234	195	217	205	41	23	1146	
10	219	215	188	194	184	35	20	1055	
11	185	186	173	163	154	38	27	926	
12	177	175	167	174	155	32	21	901	
13	182	169	168	211	173	34	25	912	
14	183	208	188	201	174	29	39	1022	
15	214	175	185	179	131	24	28	936	
16	146	143	139	159	78	16	25	706	
17	92	90	97	77	59	8	25	448	
18	57	64	74	51	33	12	23	314	
19	31	26	22	31	15	9	7	141	
20	28	18	26	23	13	4	19	126	
21	20	19	15	13	10	5	17	99	
22	23	8	13	17	12	8	14	95	
23	8	15	12	20	11	11	9	86	
Grand Total	2322	2282	2195	2268	1816	452	399	11794	



15 mins



- 26,213 ANPR searches completed during 2024/25

Ghost plates

- Identified 250 plates in last 7 days
- Algorithm on ANPR!
- Consultation

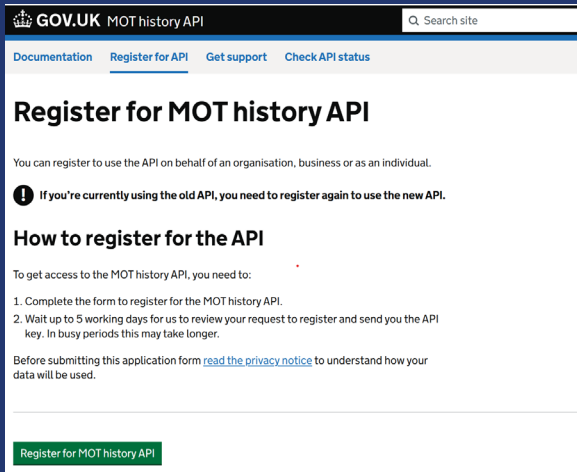
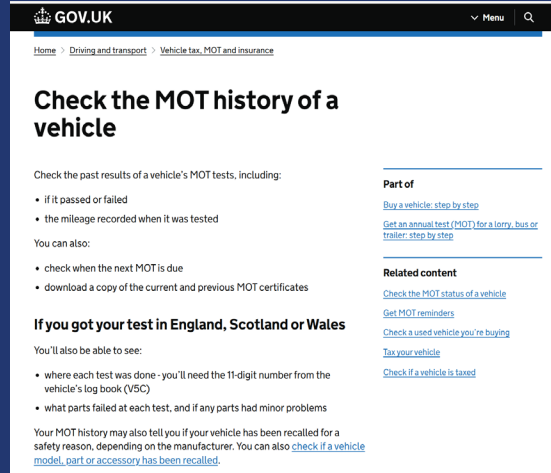
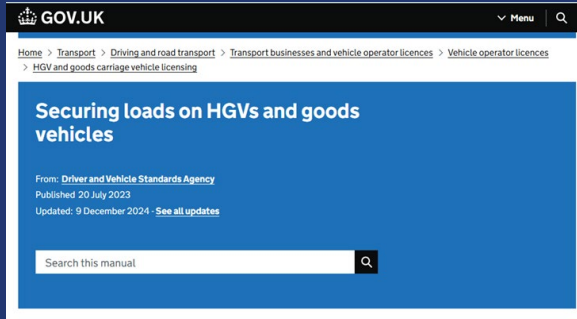


In summary

- make sure we think about the whole 'safe system'
- think safety – not just compliance
- make safety part of all our choices
- people are at the heart of a safe system
- tell us what more we can do...



Is there more we can do?



- MOT History Service (incl API)
- MOT Reminders
- OCRS and other reports
- Earned Recognition
- GOV.UK guidance – guide to maintaining roadworthiness, load security
- is there more data we can share? Driver data?
- is more guidance needed? Could the manual be better?



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