 UNITED KINGDOM

Population: 62 035 568
Income group: High
Gross national income per capita: US$ 38 140

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency Department for Transport (Great Britain) and Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland)

Funded in national budget Yes
National road safety strategy Yes
Funding to implement strategy Partially funded
Fatality reduction targets set Yes
Fatality reduction target Northern Ireland: 60% of 2004–2008 average, Scottish Government: 40% by 2020

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure Yes
Policies to promote walking or cycling Yes
Policies to encourage investment in public transport Yes
Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs Subnational

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010) 35 170 629
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles 32 592 276
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers 1 264 610
Heavy trucks 494 350
Buses 177 143
Other 642 250

Vehicle standards applied
UN World forum on harmonization of vehicles standards Yes
New car assessment programme No

Vehicle regulations
Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars Yes
Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010) 1 905, 74%M, 26%F
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes 1.2%

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place Yes
National speed limits Yes
Local authorities can set lower limits Yes
Maximum limit urban roads 48 km/h

National drink–driving law Yes
BAC limit – general population 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – professional/commercial drivers 0.08 g/dl
Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints Yes

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol 13%
National motorcycle helmet law Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers Yes
Helmet standard mandated Yes
Enforcement —
Helmet wearing rate —

National seat-belt law Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants Yes

Seat-belt wearing rate 96% Front seats
91% Rear seats

National child restraint law Yes

National law on mobile phones while driving Yes

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Vital registration system Yes
Emergency Room based injury surveillance system Yes
Emergency access telephone number(s) 999

POST-CRASH CARE

Seriously injured transported by ambulance —
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash —
Emergency medicine training for doctors Yes
Emergency medicine training for nurses Yes

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers
- buses (<1%)
- cars and light vehicles (33%)

Passengers 4-wheeled cars (15%)

Cyclists (8%)

Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (22%)

Pedestrians (22%)

Drivers/passengers heavy trucks (1%)

Other (1%)

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Department for Transport and the Department of the Environment.

Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.