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Fatigue and sleepiness in road traffic – a major contributory factor for accidents





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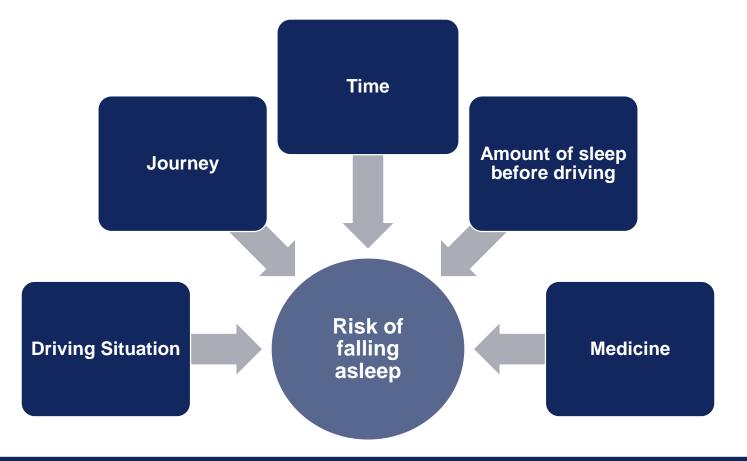
Effects of fatigue

- Similar as alcohol:
 - 17 hours without sleep = reaction as having 0,5 BAC
 - 22 hours without sleep = reaction as having 1,0 BAC
- The concentration is reduced, the risk awareness and the reaction is diminished; falling asleep suddenly is very possible
- The risk of falling asleep is compared to 7 hours of sleep:
 - reduced by 4.3 times when sleeping only 4 to 5 hours and
 - reduced by 11.5 times when sleeping less than 4 hours



Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (2016) Weeß (2016)

Factors influencing fatigue





Source: Gesellschaft für Schlafforschung und Schlafmedizin / Europäische Schlafgesellschaft (...) Weeß (2016)

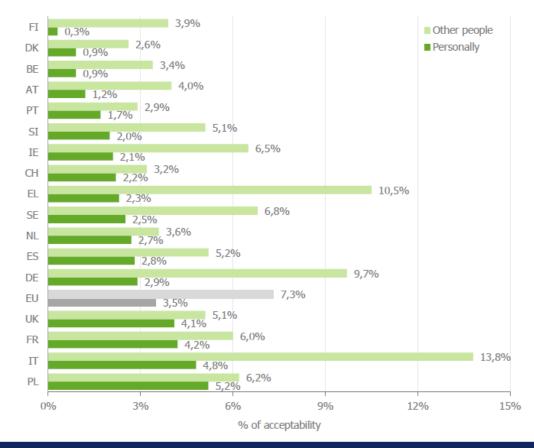


Distraction and fatigue

ESRA thematic report no. 3

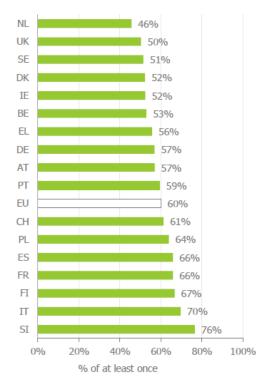


Acceptability of driving when people are sleepy





Self-declared (unsafe) behaviours in traffic: fatigue



NL 69% UK 90% SE 83% DK 74% IE 87% BE 72% EL 82% DE 84% AT 83% PT 85% EU 84% CH 85% PL 89% ES 86% FR 92% FI 84% IT 68% SI 94% 60% 0% 20% 40% 80% 100% % of at least once

too tired to drive

stop and take a break



Attitudes towards unsafe traffic behaviours by country

	Even if I feel sleepy while	If I feel sleepy while driving,	
	driving a car, I will continue to		then the risk of being in an
	drive	drive a car	accident increases
AT	12%	85%	85%
BE	11%	84%	87%
CH	12%	87%	87%
DE	13%	81%	83%
DK	18%	83%	87%
EL	13%	89%	88%
ES	11%	85%	87%
FI	10%	87%	94%
FR	15%	75%	81%
IE	12%	83%	86%
IT	12%	94%	91%
NL	10%	78%	81%
PL	9%	87%	86%
PT	12%	91%	93%
SE	12%	82%	82%
SI	14%	82%	87%
UK	13%	82%	83%
EU	12%	84%	85%

Notes: (1) % of agreement: scores 4 and 5 on a 5-point scale from 1 'disagree' to 5 'agree'. (2) Countries based on individual country weight, Europe based on European weight B. (3) The two countries with best rates are indicated in green, the two countries with worst rates in yellow.



Answers were received from:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Chile
- Finland
- France

- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan

- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Poland
- Portugal
- Serbia

- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States



Is fatigue / drowsiness mentioned as a cause of accident in the police accident report form?

As a **cause of accident**:

Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Switzerland

As a **contributory factor**:

Belgium, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, UK, USA

Through in-depth-investigantion: Finland

No: Netherlands, Greece



Are there studies on this topic in your country?

Austria	X
Belgium	Х
Chile	
Finland	Х
France	Х
Greece	
Hungary	
Ireland	
Italy	Х
Japan	Х

Netherlands	
New Zealand	
Poland	
Portugal	
Serbia	Х
Spain	
Sweden	Х
Switzerland	Х
United Kingdom	Х
United States	Х



Is there a campaign / measure tackling fatigue in road traffic?

Austria	Х
Belgium	Х
Chile	Х
Finland	
France	Х
Greece	
Hungary	
Ireland	Х
Italy	Х
Japan	Х

Netherlands	
New Zealand	Х
Poland	
Portugal	
Serbia	Х
Spain	Х
Sweden	
Switzerland	Х
United Kingdom	Х
United States	Х



Results from the Germany survey

Car drivers know the signs

A survey with 1.000 car drivers undertaken by TNS-Emnid on behalf of DVR in October 2016 revealed that :

41 % often have to yawn
40 % must often blink with the eyes
24 % could not concentrate enough while driving, because their minds wander



Car drivers underestimate the danger

26 % felt asleep at least one time

6 % of them did it often





Car drivers overestimate their skills

45 % believe, they could compensate fatigue with experience

43% are convinced to be able to foresee the moment of falling asleep

17 % continue driving in spite of fatigue



Car drivers bet on the wrong horse

60 % open the window



 $38 \ \% \ {}_{\rm drink \ coffein \ beverages}$

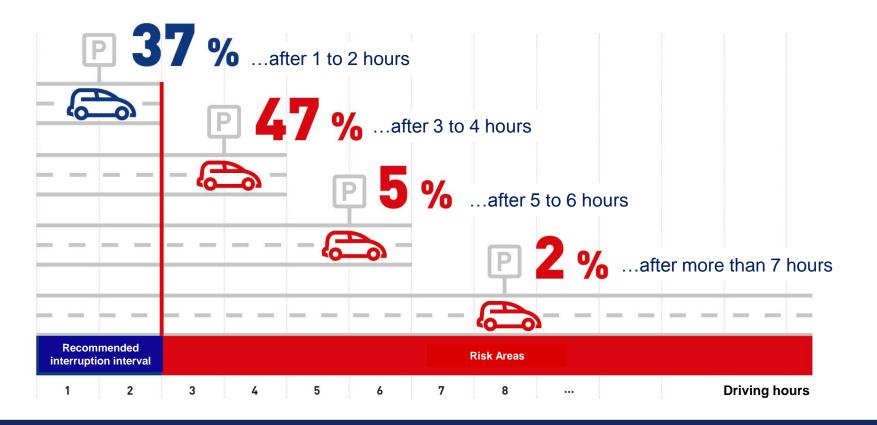


30 % put the music louder





Car drivers make a break too late





DVR (2016)

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Die Aktion gegen Müdigkeit am Steuer.

Everyone can feel fatigated!



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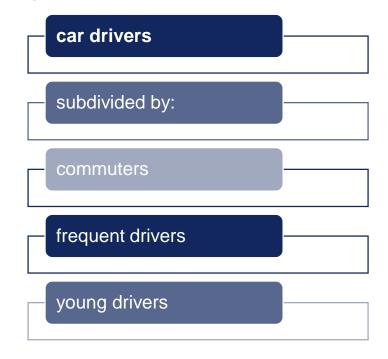


Target & Target Groups

Targets:

- Awareness raising about the risks of fatigue in traffic.
- Reduction of accidents caused by fatigue.
- The targets should be achieved by showing preventive and immediate measures.

Target Groups:





Materials of the campaign

leaflet (DIN-A6)

advertisement (DIN-A5)

Müdigkeit am Steuer kann tödlich enden.

Ausreichend Schlaf vor Fahrtantritt ist aus diesem Grund das A und O. Wer erste Anzeichen wie häufiges Gähnen oder schwere Lidier verspürt, sollte eine Pause machen und entweder für zehn bis 20, maximal 30 Minuten schlafen oder an der frischen Luft durch Bewegung den Kreislauf in Schwang bringen.

Mehr zur Kampagne unter: www.dvr.de/vorsicht-sekundenschlaf



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