



IRISH ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2018

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



1 – 7 Oct

Road Safety Together Committee

Galway County Council's Road Safety Together Committee consists of representatives from Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and An Taisce.

The Committee meets regularly and jointly examines options available to improve road safety for pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists, motorists and road users, in general.

The following will be taking place during Road Safety Week:

o Display Stand in County Hall's Atrium

• Road Safety Awareness Literature available on the following:

- Look Out! Stand Out!
- Going to School - advice for parents & guardians
- mobile phone and driving
- speeding
- seat belts
- drink driving
- driver tiredness
- medicines and driving
- guide to tyre safety
- cycle safety
- motorcycles/ mopeds
- child safety in cars
- motorway driving
- learner drivers
- roundabouts: using the correct lane
- road safety & the law in Ireland
- the correct use of lights on cars
- driving under the influence of drugs
- tyre depth gauge

○ **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUIG Students**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway's Students Union, are running a road safety awareness campaign encouraging students who walk or cycle to college to arrive safely. High visibility rucksack covers and high visibility vests will be distributed to students attending the college during Road Safety Week, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.



○ **FREE Vehicle 'Health Check'**



As the evenings are getting shorter and the weather gets more changeable, it is of the utmost importance that your vehicle is in proper working order. For the winter months, road-users have the opportunity to avail of a **FREE 5 Point Safety Check** to ensure that their vehicle's:

Tyres, Brakes, Shocks, Lights/ Levels and Wipers are in proper working order.

It will give you peace of mind knowing your car is fit for driving this winter.

The check takes approx. 15 minutes. Please ring & book your place in advance – details hereunder:

- Advance Pitstop, Headford Road (beside LIDL) – Ph. 091 562154 or
- Advance Pitstop, Ballybane (Unit 15 Ballybane Ind. Estate) – Ph. 091 779839

Opening Hours – Mon.-Fri. 8.30a.m.-6.00 p.m. Sat. 9.00a.m.-5.00 p.m. – Headford Road only

○ **'Be Bright' Campaign!**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with St. Feichin's National School, Abbey, Loughrea, is to encourage all pupils to wear their high visibility vests when walking or cycling to school.

On Wednesday, 3rd October, all the pupils in the school will take part in a walk from the school around Abbey village wearing their high visibility vests. It is hoped that by highlighting road safety awareness to the children, that they will see the importance of being visible at all times.

An Garda Síochána will also be present on the day to advise the children.

REMEMBER – ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT !

- **FREE Eye Test**



To ensure the correct vision for driving, Specsavers are kindly offering **FREE Eye Tests** from 1st to 7th October, '18, to staff of Galway County & City Councils and to the general public. Please contact Specsavers directly in relation to this offer and advise that you are availing of Galway Co. Council's Promotion - Eyre Square, Galway (091 568814) or Headford Road, Galway (091 507050).

- **'Drive for Life' – Road Safety Awareness Course for Teenagers**



The 'Drive for Life' Course is a one-day course offered to transition/ fourth year students and it aims to raise awareness of road safety and mould attitudes of young drivers-to-be before they actually start to drive. The Programme is aimed at preventing young people becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death.

Galway County Council has offered subvention to all secondary schools in the county who participate in this course, during the current school year 2018/ 2019.

- **Campaign aimed at GMIT**



Galway County Council has teamed up with GMIT's Students Union and a road safety awareness campaign is taking place which will ensure pedestrians and cyclists visibility on our roads whereby high visibility vests and bicycle lights, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, will be distributed to students attending the college.

- **Cycling Training for National Schools**



A National Cycling Training Programme 'Cycle Right', in conjunction with Cycling Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, is available to all national schools in Co. Galway for the 2018/'19 school year. The training provided upskills young cyclists and outlines tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet at all times. The Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of this course.

REMEMBER – NEVER EVER DRINK AND DRIVE !

- **‘Be Safe, Be Seen!’**

Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with St. Catherine’s National School, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, is to encourage all pupils to wear their high visibility vests when walking or cycling to school. On Friday, 5th October, pupils from the 5th & 6th classes will take part in a walk from the school around Aughrim village wearing their high visibility vests. It is hoped that by highlighting road safety awareness to the children, that they will see the importance of being visible at all times. On the day, An Garda Síochána will also be present to advise the children.

- **High Visibility Vests**



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Road Safety Authority

High visibility vests are distributed free-of-charge to members of the general public.

If any member of the public would like to avail of a High Visibility Vest, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, please email me your preferred size (S/M/L/XL) or call into the Reception Desk in County Hall, Prospect Hill, Galway.



Childrens vests are also available – Age: 4-6 years and 7-9 years. _____
For teenagers, size Small generally suits.

REMEMBER – DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE !

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