

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Operation drives for safer school holidays

The festive season is off to a safer start, with transport inspectors conducting roadside safety checks for private vehicles across Queensland for two weeks (1 – 14 December).

Transport and Main Roads Director General Neil Scales said Operation Safe Vehicle – Holiday aimed to keep motorists safe by increasing road and vehicle safety understanding.

“We want to ensure everyone is safe on our roads, especially during the busy holiday period,” Mr Scales said.

“This operation is about reducing mechanical-related crashes by making drivers and owners more aware of any safety concerns with their vehicle before travelling these holidays.

“This initiative takes place four times a year, during or in the lead-up to school holiday periods.”

Mr Scales said almost 4000 vehicles were intercepted and inspected across Queensland this year as part of these operations.

“Transport inspectors will ensure vehicles comply with safety standards and legislation, with an emphasis on windscreens, lights, tyres, brakes, steering and suspension,” he said.

“Safety checks also include condition and visibility of number plates.

“Motorists are urged to ensure number plates are in good condition and not obstructed by tow balls or other accessories, before heading out.

“While transport inspectors will be doing their part, it’s important to remember keeping Queenslanders safe is up to all road users.

“Road safety is everyone’s responsibility and we should never rely on transport inspectors to tell us when there is something wrong with our vehicle.

“Prevention is key and the best thing we can do is maintain our vehicle by performing regular safety checks.”

For more information about transport inspectors and road safety, visit: [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Transport-Inspectors](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Road-safety/Transport-Inspectors).

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