## Information bulletin

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### **Commercial vehicle inspections help make roads safer**

# More than 914 unsafe commercial vehicles removed from Alberta roads in June

*Edmonton...* More than 3595 commercial vehicles, including 197 buses, underwent safety inspections across the province in June as part of a coordinated campaign by the Alberta government and law enforcement agencies.

More than 1414 charges were laid resulting in 642 out-of-service charges, which effectively remove dangerous vehicles and drivers from our roads and help prevent collisions and breakdowns. No motor carrier or person can operate a vehicle designated as out-of-service until it has been properly repaired.

#### Highlights of the June commercial vehicle enforcement activities:

	4593
Number of commercial vehicles checked	
Number of enforcement officers involved	120
Gaming and liquor act violations	0
Dimension (size and weight)	22
Moving violations (stop sign, speed)	69
Seatbelts	80
Number of out-of-service charges	642
Other hazardous (careless driving, stunting)	5
Non hazardous (no insurance, suspended, CVIP, permit, other documents)	596

Monitoring and enforcing safety standards ensures the province's highways are safe for all road users. Highly-trained transport officers conduct 18-point visual inspections, &nbsplooking at safety essentials such as load securement, driver credentials, brakes, tires, log books, exhaust systems, coupling devices, fuel systems, turn signals, steering, lamps and wheels. The inspections take about 45 minutes.

June is <u>commercial vehicle safety</u> month in the Alberta government's Traffic Safety Plan Calendar. The Traffic Safety Plan outlines initiatives to help prevent motor vehicle collisions and injuries, build safer roads, coordinate enforcement activities and better educate all Albertans about traffic safety. To learn more about traffic safety, visit <u>www.saferoads.com</u>.

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