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Victorian Government announces random and targeted heavy vehicle roadworthy checks

Transport operators are urged to ensure their fleets are fully compliant with Victorian and national heavy vehicle roadworthy requirements after the Victorian Government announced Transport Safety Services officers would be carrying out random and targeted checks on roads across the state.

So far this year, TSS officers have carried out more than 20 operations across Victoria, targeting known heavy vehicle crash locations to reduce the occurrence of fatalities and serious injuries. There have been 34 fatalities involving heavy vehicles this year – compared to 27 fatalities in 2018.

“The government has rightly acknowledged that many of the crashes involving heavy vehicles are caused by other motorists,” said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

“We are pleased that, as part of this current safety blitz, passenger vehicle drivers are being urged to allow enough space when passing and merging in front of trucks.”

The safety blitz will focus on vehicle roadworthiness, with tyre, windscreen, oil leaks, seatbelts, brakes, suspension and coupling defects continuing to be common breaches for truck operators. TSS officers will also be enforcing truck curfews in areas including Melbourne’s inner west, so operators are reminded of the need to observe curfews in these areas.

“Notwithstanding the safety risks to heavy vehicle drivers and other motorists, there are significant penalties for roadworthiness breaches, so we encourage operators to take time to ensure their fleets are compliant, and that drivers observe curfew requirements in the inner west and elsewhere,” Anderson said.

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