

The current system of Driving course for Traffic offenders in Lithuania

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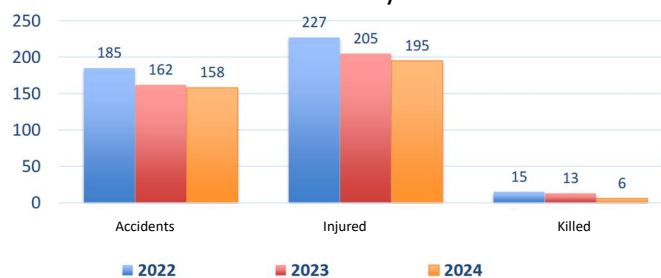


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DRUNK DRIVERS (drugs included)



Accidents caused by drunk drivers



Official statistics from the Lithuanian police on the cases of DUI, traffic accidents caused by these drivers and their consequences



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- The official law can be found and downloaded from here (official web site of Lithuanian Parliament):

<https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/84a89f20d26511e39bf688e133d06adf/asr>

- Valid from 2014-07-01. It replaced the earlier version, which was in force for several years before this document.



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Drivers, who must pass this Course:

novice drivers (up to 2 years experience), who have violated the requirements of the Road Traffic Rules in relation to:

- pedestrians;
- overtaking rules;
- using mobile phones while driving;
- traffic regulation signals;
- use of warning signals;
- driving through crossroads;
- using seat belts and motorcycle helmets;
- speeding more than 10 km/h above speed limit;
- **driving vehicles when a degree of intoxication is detected from 0.0 to 0.4 per mille;**
- causing traffic accident, during which someone was injured.



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Drivers, who must pass this Course:

- Those drivers, who made Road Traffic Rules violations, and were sanctioned with fines, including revoke of driving license for the intended period
(including violations of **driving vehicles when the drivers are drunk (from 0.41 to 1.5 per mille** (administrative responsibility; above 1.5 per mille means criminal liability) **or under the influence of narcotics, psychotropic or other psychoactive substances**).



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Content of the Course:

- 45-minute** individual consultation with a psychologist.
- 45-minute** theory course led by a driving teacher.
- 90-minute** psychology course led by a psychologist.
- With a driving instructor, safe, economical and ecological driving training of at least **45 minutes** in a B category vehicle (not mandatory for novice drivers for whom additional driver training is mandatory for road traffic violations committed with A1, A2, A and B1 category vehicles and for drivers who have been deprived of the right to drive and who wish to regain the right to drive AM, A1, A2, A and B1 category vehicles).
- Test on the Course topics must be passed. The test must consist of 25 questions. One question must have at least 4 answers, of which only one can be correct. The knowledge test is considered passed if at least 80% of the questions are answered correctly.



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The whole number of the drivers, who have completed this Course, is increasing:

- In 2022 – 13 212 persons;
- In 2023 – 14 552 persons;
- In 2024 – 16 084 persons.

There is no official information presented, how many of the total number of participants of this Course are DUI drivers.



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The **DUI** drivers also must pass one of these additional Courses:

- A1 - Prevention program Courses on the Harm of alcohol and drugs to human health. These courses are intended for drivers who have had their driving license revoked due to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and who are seeking to regain their driving license.
- A3 - Prevention program Courses Training to drive with an alcohol interlock. This is administratively sentenced to a penalty - a probationary period to shorten the period of driving license revocation - training for driving with an alcohol interlock. After completing the course, the driver will be able to obtain a new driver's license with a special "69" code, which means the permission to drive only a vehicle that has an anti-alcohol engine lock installed.



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The Guild in 2019 ordered a “hidden shopper” investigation study to inspect the fulfillment quality of this Course.

The results of the investigation were presented to the responsible authorities, but no attention arised either no improvemens were initiated...

Problems encountered:

- There are no specialized psychologists, working with the Road Traffic violations psychology theme. Any psychologist can work with Road Traffic offenders, nobody cares, that this is quite specific area.
- According to that the individual psychological consultation during this course is not recorded, these consultations are either not carried out at all or are fulfilled for a shorter duration than required. Also, some of the consultations themselves do not comply to the requirements.
- This situation not only allows for unscrupulous schools to save costs by not providing psychological consultations, but also discourages the idea of training of specialized Road Traffic violations psychologists.



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Problems encountered:

- There is no specialized training for instructors who works on the practical part of this Course. So the training is beeing done totally differently by different instructors.
- In some cases the selected route is simply driven twice, without training, presented in the Course requirements. There is no control for the practical driving was it carried out in accordance with the Course requirements or not.
- The mentioned means that the practical driving of this Course becomes worthless and does not achieve the set goals.



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Problems encountered:

- The Republic of Lithuania has built four specialized autodromes, using national and European Union funds. One of the functions for these autodromes was expected to use autodromes for special practical driving lessons during the Course for Traffic offenders in order to help them to understand Road Traffic hazards. This was foreseen in 2016, by the State Traffic Safety Commission of the Republic of Lithuania, headed by the Prime Minister.
- However, instead of practice in the autodromes, the Lithuanian Ministry of Transport and Communications just added to the theoretical lectures a short topic related to electronic car safety systems. So, practical training for Traffic offenders are not performed at specialized autodromes.
- The institution, Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration, which is directly responsible for the supervision of Driving course for the Traffic offenders, does not essentially perform supervising function. Or the supervising is performed only by checking minor formal matters, without checking whether this course is performed qualitatively as a whole.



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- For several years, The Guild has been trying to pay attention of the authorities to the fact, that Driving course for Traffic offenders, the idea of which was and remains a really good one, has turned into a mere formality due to the lack of effective control.
- In many cases this Course is being carried out with poor quality and, as a result, failing to achieve the set goals of improving Road Safety.
- No official statistics and researches or other information is collected at the state level about the real influence of this Course. It is not clear, how many drivers actually change their behavior after Course also what is the influence of this Course for increase Road Safety.
- In the absence of feedback analysis at the state level, it becomes even more difficult to evaluate the positive effect of this Course to the Road Safety and the real necessity of it in general.



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- Therefore, the opinion of the Guild about this Course is that "nothing ruins a good idea like its implementation".
- There is no doubt that idea of this Course and its goal to increase Road Safety are indisputably good.
- However, without state level control of the proper fulfillment of this Course, it becomes a mere formality for regaining the driving license, with little or no effect on increasing Road Safety.
- **Therefore, CONTINUOUS supervision of this Course fulfillment and ensuring that it is carried out qualitatively, as intended by the legislator, is necessary.**



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