Safety Chief Urges Older Drivers To Get Lessons



Older drivers have been told to take lessons to bring them up to speed when using roundabouts and motorways.

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Up to 20 such incidents a month were taking place on a stretch of new motorway in Co Limerick, with Gardaí revealing that the most dangerous drivers on motorways were middle-aged and older drivers.

Some 2.5 million people currently hold driving licences, but many have never received formal training.

Ireland's road network now includes 5,515 kilometres of national roads, of which almost 1,200 kilometres are motorways with up to four lanes in each direction and maximum speeds of 120 kilometres per hour.

There has been an increase in incidents involving motorists driving the wrong way around roundabouts, against the flow of traffic on motorways and incorrectly using lanes, junctions and hard shoulders, RSA chief executive Noel Brett said.

"It is very important that people understand the rules of the road when driving on motorways, or using roundabouts. To address this, the RSA launched a major road safety awareness campaign last year to inform drivers on how to drive safely on a motorway, and on the correct use of roundabouts.

However, another practical step that drivers could take is to take some lessons with a registered driving instructor.

**Questions**

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