

Efforts by Agencies to Improve Road Safety

TP and LTA have been working to improve road safety through a multi-pronged approach comprising the following:

- a. **Tighten Enforcement.** Over the past few years, TP upgraded all 240 red-light cameras to digital models. It has introduced seven additional fixed-speed cameras (mainly along the Marina Coastal Expressway), and five new mobile speed cameras (which can be deployed at different locations). In 2018, TP operationalised Average Speed Cameras along Tanah Merah Coast Road (to deter speeding by vehicles across the whole stretch of the road).
- b. **Making the Locations of Cameras Known.** Since 2014, TP has made known the locations of enforcement cameras. TP has painted the cameras in bright colours, and worked with LTA to install features that provide early notice of these cameras, such as prominent signs and blinker lights. These are done so that motorists will take the necessary actions when they approach the cameras, such as checking their speed and driving more carefully.
- c. **Ramp Up Public Engagement and Education.** TP has been working with partners such as the Singapore Road Safety Council to inculcate responsible driving through road safety campaigns. In 2015, TP started the ***Use Your RoadSense*** campaign, which provides regular advisories to the public over social media and other channels. TP has also reached out to groups of concern (e.g. vocational drivers and motorcyclists), through platforms such as the annual ***Singapore Ride Safe*** event. In 2015, TP introduced the Safe Driving Course (“SDC”), which allows motorists to go for corrective training before they cross demerit point thresholds for licence suspension. In 2019, TP will introduce mandatory simulator training for all learner motorists. The simulator training will allow learner motorists to be put through common high-risk road situations in a safe and controlled environment.
- d. **Build Road Safety Infrastructure.** LTA has installed right-turn Red-Amber-Green arrow signals at 200 junctions, and will progressively roll them out to all traffic junctions, where feasible. LTA has also introduced Silver Zones in areas frequented by elderly pedestrians. These zones come with features to improve road safety (e.g. rest points for elderly pedestrians along road dividers, rumble strips on the roads to slow vehicles down and signs to alert motorists of the presence of elderly pedestrians). There are currently 15 Silver Zones and LTA plans to put in place another 35 Silver Zones by 2023.

Table: Comparison of Imprisonment Terms for Causing Death by Dangerous Driving Across Overseas Jurisdictions

	Singapore	United Kingdom*	New South Wales, Australia	Hong Kong	Malaysia
Imprisonment Term For Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	Up to 5 years	Up to 14 years	Up to 10 years Up to 14 years, if under the influence of alcohol or drugs	Up to 10 years Up to 50% longer, if under the influence of alcohol or drugs	Up to 10 years

**In Oct 2017, the UK Government announced plans to introduce lifetime imprisonment sentences for motorists who cause death by dangerous driving or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.*

Table: Enhanced Criminal Penalties for Irresponsible Driving Offences

Existing Penalties						Enhanced Penalties under Road Traffic Act				
Under Penal Code			Under Road Traffic Act							
Offence	Maximum Imprisonment Term	Disqualification from Driving	Offence	Maximum Imprisonment Term	Disqualification from Driving	Offence	Maximum Imprisonment Term	Disqualification from Driving	Add-On Penalties for Dangerous and Careless Driving Offences, should the motorist have committed them while Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. ¹	
									Maximum Imprisonment Term	Disqualification from Driving
Rash Act	Up to 5 years	Yes, if death is caused	Dangerous Driving	Up to 5 years	Yes	Dangerous Driving	Up to 8 years for first offence Minimum sentence of at least 1 year, if death or grievous hurt is caused Sentence doubled, for repeat offenders	Yes, Courts can impose DQ. Minimum period of 8 years, if death or grievous hurt is caused	Up to 2 additional years for first offence Minimum additional sentence of at least 1 year, if death or grievous hurt is caused Additional sentence is doubled, for repeat offenders	Minimum additional period of at least 2 years for first offence Additional period is doubled, for repeat offenders
Negligent Act	Up to 2 years	Yes, if death is caused	Careless Driving	Up to 6 months for first offence Sentence doubled, for repeat offenders	Yes	Careless Driving	Up to 3 years for first offence Sentence doubled, for repeat offenders	Yes, Courts can impose DQ.	Up to 2 additional years for first offence Additional sentence is doubled, for repeat offenders	Minimum additional period of at least 2 years for first offence Additional period is doubled, for repeat offenders

¹ Individuals who have committed Dangerous or Careless Driving and have done so whilst Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, will have both penalties added together (i.e. the penalty for dangerous or careless driving and the penalty for driving under influence added together).