

Sharjah Police seize trucks with faulty tyres

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Sharjah: Police have seized 1,099 trucks in one month during an inspection campaign against faulty tyres in a bid to curb the number of accidents in the emirate.

Faulty tyres are one of the main causes of accidents, particularly along Emirates Road, as they burst on the highway and ultimately cause severe traffic congestion.

Counterfeit tyres are also one of the main contributing factors to accidents in Sharjah because truck drivers prefer to compromise on their safety and instead focus on purchasing cheap tyres of poor quality.

Colonel Mohammad Eid Al Madhloum, Head of Operations Control Room at Sharjah Police, told Gulf News the campaign targeted trucks and heavy vehicles.

"The campaign was launched to ensure the safety of trucks' tyres and drivers who did not conform to the safety standards of the traffic law were slapped with a Dh200 fine, and the vehicles were then impounded for one week," said Col Al Madhloum.

The inspection campaign was held from April 25 to May 6.

Warning

Truck drivers who were found flouting the timings along Emirates Road were also stopped and issued a warning, as they are prohibited to use the highway during certain times of the day and also contribute to causing accidents.

Heavy vehicles are banned from using Emirates Road from 5.30am to 9.30am, 1pm to 3pm and from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

"All trucks with worn out tyres were stopped and fined on the spot because the carelessness of truck drivers can lead to fatal accidents, especially during the summer. Now that it becomes hotter, the tarmac on the roads also heats up and can cause the tyres to burst if they are already worn out and in bad shape."

Col Al Madhloum pointed out that in such accidents with faulty tyres, trucks can also overturn and cause severe injuries and death to other truck drivers and motorists.

"The campaign was launched to combat the increasing number of accidents that occurred frequently," he said, adding that faulty tyres are quite common as drivers tend to minimise their costs and opt to purchase counterfeit tyres at a cheap price.

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