

Over 750 nabbed during tailgating campaign

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TAILGATING CLAMPDOWN: Abu Dhabi police have issued 750 fines in the space of two days as they clamp down on 'tailgating' in the capital. (Getty Images)

Over 750 motorists have been fined in the first two days of a police campaign to crack down on tailgating on the capital's roads, it was reported on Wednesday.

Abu Dhabi police launched the campaign after it was noticed that tailgating was a major cause of accidents in the capital. According to police statistics, in the last three months the practice has caused 69 accidents, with two of them being fatal, in Abu Dhabi alone.

A number of fines were issued on city streets, with the majority of offences taking place on Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street and Mahawi Street (in the direction of Abu Dhabi), Lt Col Hamad Al Ameri, head of the traffic investigation section of Abu Dhabi traffic and patrols department, said in comments published by UAE daily The National.

The number of fines handed out in the two day period was more than double the 351 given out during the previous 24 days of the month.

He added that most offences took place during the peak hours of the morning and close to noon.

As part of the "Leave Space Before it is Too Late" campaign, police said in a news release, sixteen unmarked police cars have been patrolling the roads from Sunday, when the campaign began.

In addition, the number of police officers on patrol has also been increased.