

# Tailgaters blamed for 69 crashes in three months

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CAR CAMPAIGN: Police in Abu Dhabi have blamed tailgater for 69 crashes in the last three months. (Getty Images)

**Police in Abu Dhabi have blamed tailgating drivers for 69 accidents over the past three months, which resulted in two deaths.**

The statistics were revealed at the launch of a new campaign to reduce tailgating, which involves motorists driving too close to the vehicle in front, UAE daily The National reported on Monday.

Col Hamad al Shamsi, the director of Abu Dhabi Traffic Police, said two people died and 61 were injured while 50 drivers aged 18-45 caused most of the accidents.

Al Shamsi told the paper that an analysis of accidents over the three months demonstrated an increase in the number of crashes caused by tailgating.

Police are set to increase traffic patrols, especially in unmarked cars, throughout Abu Dhabi in a bid to catch tailgaters in the act.

The penalty for tailgating is a AED400 (\$108) fine and four black points.

Separately, the paper reported that police patrol cars are being fitted with cameras to give control room chiefs live feeds from accident and crime scenes.

A live video feed from 260 patrol cars will be linked to the operations room in a bid to give officers the information they need to deploy appropriate resources, said Dubai Police chief Lt Gen Dahi Khalfan Tamim in comments published by UAE daily The National.

He added that while the system would be effective in handling traffic accidents and assessing the reasons behind them, it would not be used to catch traffic offenders.