

**PASSENGERS, PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS  
AND OTHER ROAD USERS!**

# **YOUR SAFETY IS AT RISK!**

**JANUARY 2019:** The European Parliament will vote on new driving and rest time rules for bus, coach and truck drivers. Longer hours of driving, with less rest, means more fatigue.

## **FATIGUE KILLS!**



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Your members of the European Parliament will decide soon on whether bus, coach and truck drivers:

- **will have to drive for 3 weeks with only 2 days of rest** (current rules give them 2 weeks of driving with 3 days of rest)
- **can be required to spend their weekends in their vehicles.**

These changes will leave drivers more tired, making it harder for them to maintain vigilance, alertness and decision-making capacity in traffic. This will affect their ability to drive safely.

## FATIGUE KILLS!

- Sharing roads and motorways with fatigued truck drivers is **a DANGER for every road user.**
- Driving buses and coaches for three weeks in a row with only two full days of rest is **a DANGER for passengers.**
- Weekends spent sleeping in a vehicle at unhygienic parking lots is **a DANGER for drivers.**

In the course of its long-running campaign to stand up for road safety and good conditions for drivers, ETF has contacted all MEPs to make the case. We will make them publicly accountable for their votes on this issue, which affects every road user. Show your support for ETF's campaign:

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## DEATH ON EUROPE'S ROADS: THE FACTS

The latest European Commission statistics (dated 2015) show that

- 16.5% of cycling fatalities resulted from crashes with large commercial vehicles (buses, coaches and trucks).
- Large vehicles were also responsible for 14% of pedestrian fatalities.
- More than 600 people – passengers, professional drivers and other drivers – died in crashes involving buses, coaches and trucks.