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DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025: A great deal still left to do

On the occasion of DEKRA's 100th anniversary, the DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025 looks back at key developments in recent decades and shows that there is still a great deal left to do to achieve the goal of "Vision Zero" – road traffic with no fatalities or serious injuries. "More than ever before, politicians, industry associations, and organizations must pull together to ensure the safety of mobility for everyone at all times," emphasizes Jann Fehlauer, Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH.

Valuation of vintage cars: "You know where you stand"

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Working from home: Easier to concentrate in familiar surroundings

It is hard to imagine working life in Germany without the ability to work from home. Whereas companies shifted many departments to this form of working during the coronavirus pandemic, some of them are now tightening their regulations again. However, there are no signs that the new working model is on the way out. This is confirmed by a recent survey conducted for the DEKRA Occupational Safety Report 2025.

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*DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025:
Safe mobility for everyone*

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DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025 “The Changing Face of Mobility”

A great deal still left to do to achieve the goal of “Vision Zero”

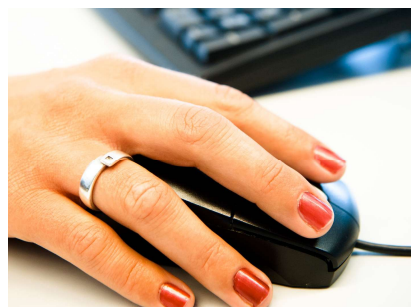
In DEKRA’s view, the progress achieved in road safety and vehicle technology in the past 100 years gives no grounds to relax, but an incentive for further efforts. “The success is undisputed. However, more than ever before, politicians, industry associations, and organizations must pull together to ensure safe mobility for everyone at all times,” says Jann Fehlauer, Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH, at the presentation of the DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025 “The Changing Face of Mobility”.

On the occasion of DEKRA’s 100th anniversary, the 18th report looks back at key developments in recent decades and shows that there is still a great deal left to do to achieve the goal of “Vision Zero” – road traffic with no fatalities or serious injuries. According to Fehlauer, this applies particularly to the most vulnerable road users – pedestrians, cyclists, and the users of motorized two-wheel vehicles. Figures from the World Health Organization (WHO) show that this group accounts for more than half of all road traffic fatalities worldwide.

“If it is to be successful, the work to ensure road safety cannot be based on short-term campaigns, but must be an ongoing process,” emphasizes Fehlauer. In order to avoid accidents, there is a need for interactive preventive action in the areas of technology, organization, and infrastructure.

As EU Road Safety Coordinator Kristian Schmidt writes in the report, it must be ensured “that safety does not become a privilege of the happy few, but that equitable access to safe mobility solutions is guaranteed for all.” Antonio Avenoso, Executive Director of the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC), demands: “Governments must allocate and invest sufficient resources to address the complex challenges of road safety effectively.”

The DEKRA Road Safety Report 2025 “The Changing Face of Mobility” can be downloaded at www.dekra-roadsafety.com. Also available are all previous reports since 2008, as well as additional content such as moving images and interactive graphics. (DEKRA Info)



*Working from home: An option
used by just under one quarter of
all employees*

Working from home is a fixed aspect of working life **Easier to concentrate in familiar surroundings**

It is hard to imagine working life in Germany without the ability to work from home. Whereas companies shifted many departments to this form of working during the coronavirus pandemic, some of them are now tightening their regulations again. However, there are no signs that the new working model is on the way out. This is confirmed by a recent survey conducted for the DEKRA Occupational Safety Report 2025.

According to the survey, 24 percent of respondents currently work from home on certain days, with 15 percent working mainly or even entirely from home. These figures are consistent with the findings of the economic survey of some 9,000 companies published by ifo Institut in September 2024 and with data from Germany's Federal Statistical Office, which show that just under one quarter of employees in Germany work from home at least sometimes.

Accounting for 67 percent, office staff work from home most frequently – either entirely or on certain days. People working in education and healthcare account for the smallest group – 18 percent. The option is more likely to be available in companies with more than 500 employees than in smaller companies.

From the employee's perspective, this hybrid form of working has a number of benefits. 89 percent of respondents appreciate not having to travel to the office. 73 percent like the fact that they can wear more casual clothing. 68 percent enjoy the advantage of being able to organize their work flexibly when they are at home. For 67 percent, it is an advantage that they are exposed to a lower risk of infection, and more than half (56 percent) are able to concentrate better at home than in the office. However, 45 percent also complain that they miss the personal contact with their colleagues.

Nevertheless, working from home is not without its problems. These include disturbances due to individual living situations or everyday life such as the presence of family members. 21 percent complain about disturbances due to noise caused by neighbors. As a result of an unergonomic workstation, just as many complain of tension, back pain, or headaches. Likewise, one fifth state that they work longer or at irregular times such as in the evening or at weekends. (DEKRA Occupational Safety Report 2025 online and for download: www.dekra.de/asr2025) (DEKRA Info)

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Valuation of classic cars: A strong negotiating position in the event of damage

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Updating classic car valuations

“You know where you stand”

When it comes to vintage cars, few aspects are as hotly debated as the price. This is not only due to the volatility of the market. It is also driven by the sometimes exorbitant prices achieved at auction for the coveted luxury vehicles of bygone days. However, in a parallel with the stock market, the price and value of an object often diverge substantially. “As a rule, classic cars are associated with a lot of emotion and personal memories, which may impede any objective assessment,” says Andreas Lahne, a DEKRA Classic Service expert.

In such matters, it is advisable to draw on the knowledge of market experts. “It is an advantage to regularly ensure clarity as to your own ‘treasure’s’ current price,” explains Lahne. For example, it makes sense to assess the value of the vehicle for insurance purposes so that it is protected in the event of accident, theft, or fire. It is also a substantiated basis for price negotiations when buying and selling.

“A valuation from a neutral expert is an excellent way of verifying a vehicle’s condition in terms of its appearance, technology, and level of restoration,” says the expert. In the event of a claim, the settling insurer usually reviews the case anyway. However, an existing valuation strengthens the claimant’s negotiating position. It helps to reliably assess the claim and avoid any major deviations.

It therefore makes sense to have the valuation updated regularly – every two to three years – by an expert. “You know where you stand and are not dependent on the expert reports provided by others,” says Lahne. “It may sometimes be more and sometimes less. Even a decrease can be positive – if the value is lower, then I need to pay less to my insurer for my policy.”

However, a valuation may not only make sense for old cars, but also for very new ones. “There are brand new models that are already so coveted that their price at the time of sale is higher than the manufacturer’s list price. In such cases, a valuation is often obtained to verify that the vehicle is actually now worth that price.” (DEKRA Info)



*Let the barbecue begin: But never
indoors or in a garage*

Take care using a barbecue **Stress-free preheating**

There is never a bad time for a barbecue, unless it is pouring with rain. However, a few things must be remembered to ensure that the party does not end with unpleasant surprises like an explosion or burns.

Warning. To start with, an urgent warning: Never use a barbecue indoors or in a garage. Most barbecues release highly toxic carbon monoxide (CO), which may result in severe poisoning or even death. It is both invisible and odorless. "Conventional barbecues should only be lit outdoors," warns Lars Inderthal, a DEKRA fire safety expert.

No stress. Before cooking, it is advisable to allow enough time for preparation because stress increases the risk of accidents. The barbecue should be placed in a location that is protected from the wind so that no sparks can fly. It must be stood on a stable surface and positioned far enough from flammable materials. Before using a barbecue for the first time, it is essential to read the instructions for use and observe the safety precautions. A garden hose or fire extinguisher should be kept close at hand in case of any unforeseen situations.

Preheat correctly. Enough time should be allowed to preheat a charcoal barbecue. Using accelerants such as gasoline, mineral spirits, and alcohols may cause shooting flames, explosions, and painful burns. It is better to use quality-tested firelighter cubes or gels. If they comply with EN 1860-3, it is unlikely that anything can go wrong.

Protection from the heat. To ensure that the barbecue cook does not suffer any burns, it is recommended that barbecue gloves, long-handled utensils, and long matches are used.

Barbecue correctly. It is not advisable to barbecue food on an open flame. The crispy dark spots on sausages and steaks contain lots of harmful substances, many of which are carcinogenic. For this reason, food should not be put on the barbecue too soon – it is necessary to wait for embers to form. When using charcoal, cooking can start once the coals are covered with a layer of white ash.

Supervision. A hot barbecue must always be supervised. Children and pets should never be allowed to play nearby unwatched. Likewise, the barbecue must be monitored once cooking is finished. Hot ashes should not be disposed of in the trash – they could cause a fire. (DEKRA Info)

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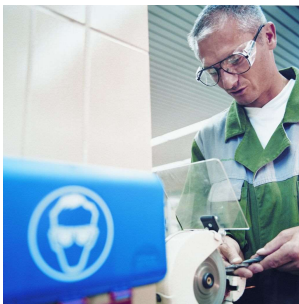
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*Gas inspection now mandatory
again for recreational vehicles: A
sticker verifies greater safety*

Camper trailers and motor homes tested every two years **Gas inspection now mandatory again**

At the latest by June 19, 2025, the owners of recreational vehicles such as camper trailers and motor homes must provide proof of a gas inspection in accordance with DVGW Rule G 607 if their vehicle is equipped with a liquid gas system for cooking, heating, or cooling. This means – that the buyers of new motor homes must have the gas system inspected after just two years – one year earlier than the periodical vehicle inspection. Germany's Road Traffic Licensing Regulations have stipulated the G 607 inspection since June 2024, and now the transitional period has expired. DEKRA's experts say that previous gas inspections will remain valid. Inspection by an expert is required before the gas system is used for the first time, after any modifications to the system, and otherwise every two years. If the outcome of the inspection is positive, a sticker is placed next to the vehicle's rear license plate. Violations will incur fines of 15, 25, or 60 euros – depending on how long the inspection date has been exceeded. (DEKRA Info)



*DEKRA Occupational Safety Report
2025: Accidents at work declining
in the EU*

Europe-wide trend

Decline in the number of accidents at work

The number of fatal accidents at work is declining across the European Union. Recent figures show that 3,286 people EU-wide were fatally injured at work in 2022. According to the DEKRA Occupational Safety Report 2025, this represents a decrease of 23 percent compared with 2010, when there were 4,277 fatalities. In the EU, the average number of fatal accidents at work per 100,000 employees decreased from 2.31 in 2010 to 1.66 in 2021. In Germany, too, the number of fatal accidents at work has been declining for years. Whereas 918 fatal accidents at work were recorded in 2010, there were just 381 in 2023. "This shows that the efforts and investments made by both the legislator and companies in respect of safety at work and occupational safety are paying off," says Fatih Yilmaz, an occupational safety expert at DEKRA. DEKRA Occupational Safety Report 2025: www.dekra.de/asr2025.

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