



What is Safe-T-Cam?

Safe-T-Cam is an initiative of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) that aims to reduce the incidence of heavy vehicle speed and driver fatigue in an effort to prevent heavy vehicle accidents.

Safe-T-Cam is an automated monitoring system that uses digital camera technology capable of reading the front number plate of heavy vehicles. Safe-T-Cam can identify those vehicles that:

- Have travelled at excessive average speed.
- Have travelled beyond prescribed driving hours.
- Have attempted to avoid detection by Safe-T-Cam.
- Are unregistered.

Safe-T-Cam is part of an overall enforcement program that consists of RTA inspectors, checking stations, periodic vehicle inspections and Police.

Managing speed and fatigue

Speed and fatigue are major factors in heavy vehicle accidents.

Since its introduction in 1995, Safe-T-Cam has proven effective in encouraging behavioural change of heavy vehicle drivers and operators and has contributed to a reduction in the incidence of heavy vehicle speed, driver fatigue and heavy vehicle accidents.

Safe-T-Cam continues to assist the RTA in building profiles of heavy vehicle operators and drivers, and provides valuable information on the level of speed and fatigue on major transport routes throughout New South Wales.



The Safe-T-Cam network

The Safe-T-Cam Network consists of overhead cameras, heavy vehicle checking stations and road-side inspection areas.

Overhead cameras

There are 22 Safe-T-Cam cameras located on major arterial freight routes throughout New South Wales. Safe-T-Cam cameras are either mounted on overhead gantries or bridges, and are clearly marked with road-side signage.

Heavy vehicle checking stations

Safe-T-Cam is used at heavy vehicle checking stations to monitor heavy vehicle travel times, verify driver logbooks and to detect vehicles that fail to enter for inspection.

Road-side inspection areas

RTA inspectors can log manual sightings of heavy vehicles at over 70 road-side inspection areas throughout New South Wales. At these locations, number plate details are entered into mobile Safe-T-Cam units installed in RTA inspector vehicles.

In total, the Safe-T-Cam network consists of 100 sites, including overhead cameras, heavy vehicle checking stations and road-side inspection areas throughout New South Wales to monitor heavy vehicle speed and fatigue.

Offences detected by Safe-T-Cam

All speed, fatigue and avoidance offences detected by Safe-T-Cam will be investigated by the RTA. If the investigation confirms the offence detected by Safe-T-Cam, the RTA will:

- Issue an infringement to either the driver or operator of the vehicle.
- Record an offence against the licence of the driver and the registration of the vehicle.



If four offences are recorded in a three-year period the RTA will take action to:

- Suspend the licence of a New South Wales driver.
- Suspend the registration of a New South Wales or Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS) registered vehicle or
- Suspend the visiting vehicle privileges of an interstate driver or vehicle.

Other Safe-T-Cam penalties

Police officers and RTA inspectors have the power to issue infringements if heavy vehicle drivers are caught attempting to avoid detection by Safe-T-Cam. Drivers face penalties of more than \$924 and a loss of four demerit points from their licence.

Vehicles with damaged, obscured or tampered number plates will incur fines in excess of \$461.

Operators that allow their vehicle to travel on New South Wales roads while unregistered and are detected by Safe-T-Cam will be referred to the local court. The maximum penalty for this offence is up to \$2,200.