

Home Team Connects

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Second Reading

Land Transport and Related Matters Bill

The Bill was passed in Parliament today. These are the key amendments proposed by MHA.



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Key Amendments to the Road Traffic Act

Strengthening deterrence and enforcement against speed limiter related offences to enhance road safety

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New Speed Limiter Offences

- ✓ Authorised Agents must report suspected speed limiter tampering
- ! Owners and drivers will be held responsible for permitting the use of, or using, a non-compliant lorry, and tampering with speed limiters
- ✗ Offering, advertising, or carrying out of unauthorised speed limiter services is prohibited



Maximum Ladden Weight (MLW) of between 3,501kg and 12,000kg

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Higher Penalties for Speed Limiter Offences

Increase maximum fines for lorry owners who fail to install an approved speed limiter, or fail to follow speed limiter requirements

	1st Conviction	2nd or Subsequent Conviction
Current	Up to \$1,000	Up to \$2,000
New	Up to \$10,000	Up to \$20,000



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Other Amendments

- ✓ The courts may impose **driving disqualification periods longer than the mandatory minimum**
- ✓ **Forfeiture of vehicles under the Road Vehicles (Special Powers) Act is not mandatory**, if offences were committed without the vehicle owner's knowledge or consent
- ✓ **Outsource the processing of straightforward traffic violations**



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MHA

Singapore Remained Safe and Secure in 2025

Singapore remained as one of the safest countries and continued to have one of the lowest fire fatality rates in the world. Here are the other key improvements in 2025 and trends of concern from Home Team departments.

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<p>Crimes that decreased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop theft Voyeurism Scams 	<p>Increase in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign visitors refused entry into Singapore Contrabands detected at the checkpoints 	<p>Decrease in fires involving vehicles and Active Mobility Devices (AMDs).</p>
<p>Decrease in two-year recidivism rate for Drug Rehabilitation Centre inmates. Overall two-year recidivism rate remains low and overall five-year recidivism rate remains stable.</p>	<p>Decrease in arrests for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illegal immigrants Harbouring or employing immigration offenders Marriage of convenience-related offences 	<p>Increase in responses by Community First Responders to cardiac arrest and minor fire incidents.</p>
<p>Increase in amount lost per scam case</p> <p>Most scam victims were aged below 50.</p>	<p>More speeding violation cases</p>	<p>Increase in new drug abusers below 30 years old arrested</p> <p>More than half of cannabis abusers arrested were below 30 years old.</p>
<p>Slight increase in overall number of fires</p>	<p>Motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians continued to account for a disproportionate number of accidents and fatalities.</p>	<p>Radicalised youths getting younger</p> <p>The terrorism threat to Singapore remains high. Online self-radicalisation remains the primary driver.</p>
<p>Increase in number of outrage of modesty cases</p>	<p>Increase in Emergency Medical Services calls</p>	

2025 STATISTICS

SCDF

More Emergency Medical Services Calls and Fires. Higher Response Rate by Community First Responders.

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- Emergency Medical Services calls increased by 4.8%, with seniors aged 65 and above involved in 49.7% of all cases. This is expected to continue rising due to growing demand from an ageing population.
- Overall number of fires increased by 3%, with more fires at residential and non-residential premises, and less fires at non-building premises. Fires involving Active Mobility Devices decreased by 26.9% but remains an area of concern due to its rapid fire spread within confined spaces.
- The number of new Community First Responders (CFRs) sign-ups rose by 17.4%. Response rate by CFRs to suspected cardiac arrests and minor fires increased by 22.1%.

2025 STATISTICS

SPS YRSG

Prisons Remained Safe and Secure. Recidivism Rates Remained Low and Stable.

To support inmates' rehabilitation and reintegration for longer term distances, SPS and YRSG enhanced their programmes and employability initiatives, with the support of volunteers and community partners.

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- The assault rate rose from 54.4 to 76.7 assaults per 10,000 inmates due to the increase in assault cases committed by young inmates and prisoners, but remained low compared to other correctional jurisdictions.
- The two-year recidivism rate remained one of the lowest internationally, increasing by 0.6% for the 2023 release cohort. For Drug Rehabilitation Centre inmates, the rate decreased by 4.7%. The five-year recidivism rate remained stable, increasing by 2.7% for the 2020 release cohort.
- 94% of inmates referred to YRSG secured a job prior to their release.

2025 STATISTICS

CNB

Singapore's Drug Situation Is Stable. Youth Drug Abuse Remains a Concern.

CNB's 2025 statistics report highlights the youth drug problem, significant enforcement actions and enhanced prevention efforts.

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- There was a 1% increase in drug abusers arrested, from 3,175 in 2024 to 3,208 in 2025.
- CNB dismantled 25 drug syndicates, including those using digital platforms, and seized drugs with a street value of over S\$21 million.
- The proportion of new drug abusers increased by 17%. Half of the new drug abusers arrested were under 30. Drug abusers under 20 arrested increased by 7%, signaling a concerning trend of young abusers.
- Singapore is not immune to the global drug problem. A whole-of-society approach with strong community partnerships is used to combat drug abuse. CNB will continue preventive education, rigorous enforcement and community engagement.



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