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#### **DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS: JULY 1998**

*The total number of road traffic collisions during July 1998 (41 321) decreased by 3,2% compared with July 1997 (42 694). 515 fatal accidents were recorded in July 1998. In 1 612 accidents major injuries were sustained, 3 790 accidents resulted in minor injuries and in 35 404 accidents no injuries were sustained.*

The number of people killed in road traffic collisions during July 1998 (626) decreased by 25,5% compared with July 1997 (840). 197 drivers, 186 passengers and 243 pedestrians were killed.

#### **DECREASE IN ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS DURING THE 1998 WINTER HOLIDAYS**

*The total number of road traffic collisions during the 1998 Winter holidays (34 375) decreased by 5,6% compared with the 1997 Winter holidays (46 225). However, the 1998 Winter holidays lasted 26 days (from 26 June 1998 to 21 July 1998), while the 1997 Winter holidays totalled 33 days (from 20 June 1997 to 22 July 1997).*

The average number of persons killed per day during the 1998 Winter holidays was 22.

During the 1998 Winter holidays 576 persons were killed. Most of these collisions occurred during weekends with an average of 40 persons killed on Saturdays, 32 on Sundays and 25 on Fridays.

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