

DEADLY TIMES ON ROADS REVEALED

Fridays in October are most dangerous for drivers

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THIS month is the most dangerous of the year on Irish roads and Friday is the most hazardous day of the week for drivers, it has emerged.

The findings come after more than 10,000 motor accident claims from 2006 and 2007 were studied by Injuriesboard.ie.

The awards made for those two years — which totalled €200m — reveal that more motor accidents occurred in October than in any other month of the year.

They accounted for more than one-in-10 motor claims.

Liability

In contrast, February and June — with less than seven per cent of accidents — were the safest months to be on the road.

An analysis of the daily data indicates that Friday records the highest volume of motor accidents at 16 per cent while Tuesday appears to be the safest day on our roads with just 13 per cent of crashes.

A study of the motor liability awards "per head of population" in 2007 revealed that Louth had the highest level of awards.

The county accounted for 4.5 per cent of total awards, despite representing just 2.6 per cent of Ireland's population.

In contrast, Kilkenny had the lowest level of motor liability awards when compared with the national average, accounting for 1.09 per cent of all awards in 2007.

"These results provide a valu-

able insight into motor accident trends in Ireland and specifically into the most dangerous days and months on our roads," said Injuriesboard.ie chief executive Patricia Byron.

TOP FIVE MONTHS FOR ACCIDENTS:
1.) October; 2.) August; 3.) September; 4.) November; 5.) December.
TOP FIVE DAYS FOR ACCIDENTS:
1.) Friday; 2.) Saturday; 3.) Thursday; 4.) Sunday; 5.) Monday.
TOP FIVE COUNTIES FOR MOTOR LIABILITY AWARDS:
1.) Louth; 2.) Limerick; 3.) Westmeath; 4.) Cork; 5.) Cavan.

WRECKAGE:
A car involved in a road smash

