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<p>Abstract</p> <p>In spite of the positive developments in road safety in recent years, the number of casualties and injuries of 15-24-year-olds has not decreased.</p> <p>The Ministry of Transport and Communications appointed a working group to examine how to improve the road safety of young people, to estimate restrictions planned to be set for new drivers, to find ways to make sanctions for offences committed by new drivers more effective, and to assess the safety of using a moped, particularly in order to decrease the tuning up of mopeds.</p> <p>The working group does not consider it would be justified to set restrictions on mobility of all new drivers. New drivers must have an opportunity to practice their driving skills under different conditions. Restrictions imposed on individual drivers are considered justified if used as sanctions for offences.</p> <p>The working group proposes that the number of driving lessons at driving schools be increased, and the time between the first and second stages of driving school be shortened and emphasised as an active phase of training and self-evaluation. With regard to the right to give driving tuition, cooperation between driving schools and homes is suggested to be increased. Requirements for receiving a moped driving licence would include compulsory training and a more extensive driving examination. Surveillance of new drivers would be intensified, and offences would be monitored and more closely addressed during the first two years of driving. Failure to use safety equipment would be included in the number of repeated offences leading to a driving ban.</p> <p>The working group proposes that a new type of reprimand procedure related to police processing of a driving ban be introduced for new drivers. The group also proposes that an alcolock be taken into use after the first drink driving offence and that the drink driving limit for all drivers be reduced to 0.2. Further proposals of the working group include the ensuring of road safety education in basic and in secondary level education and better involvement of young people in traffic safety education.</p>	