



# Police targeting uninsured drivers

## WARNING VEHICLES CAN BE CRUSHED

POLICE have warned north-east motorists that those caught driving without insurance could have their vehicle crushed.

Last year 370 vehicles seized by Grampian Police were crushed - more than one for each day of the year.

Sergeant Kenneth Davidson, of the roads policing division, said that there is often confusion among people who mistakenly believe that they can legally drive cars belonging to friends or family, even though they themselves are not insured.

He said: "We recommend vehicle owners should always be aware of the extent of their motor insurance cover, including those authorised to drive the vehicle.

"If officers find a driver is uninsured - regardless of a certificate of insurance existing for the vehicle permitting others to drive - it is most likely the vehicle will still be seized.

### RISK

"Uninsured motorists pose a real risk to road users and we continue to target drivers who ignore the law in this regard."

Once a vehicle is seized for being illegally driven, the owner has up to seven days to retrieve it before it is scrapped.

There is a £150 fee for the return of the vehicle and this is usually followed by a £200 fine and six penalty points being added to the driver's licence.

Ashton West, chief executive of the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB), said: "We want people to understand that if you don't insure, you will be caught."

Any information on uninsured drivers or vehicles can be passed on to police by calling 0845 6005700 or anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.