**Suspicious situations**

- Report any attempts to persuade you, or any problems, to the federal police or any other police department.
- Watch out for yourself first!
- Do not defend your vehicle under any circumstances!
- Contact the police immediately from a safe distance on 110 or abroad on 112.

Our free service number:

0800 6 888 000 (available 24 hours a day)

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**Seminar „Grenzüberschreitende Kriminalität im Transportgewerbe“**
(Cross-border crime in the transport industry)

Advice and short seminars on cross-border crime are offered. The most important police and criminal law provisions on cross-border traffic are conveyed. In addition, practical elements on the vehicle show how you can protect yourself against unauthorised access.

If you are interested, please contact us:

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**Possible hiding places**

- Roof spoiler
- On the freight
- Axles
- In the freight
- In or on the storage areas

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**People smuggling in trucks and busses**

Don’t give life-threatening stowaways a chance

Notes for truck and bus drivers in cross-border traffic

Submitted by:
Smugglers misuse passenger and freight traffic to get fugitives into Europe. For truck and bus drivers, this can be dangerous.

As a driver in cross-border traffic, you are responsible for passengers and luggage. The wilful carriage of persons without valid personal documents is punishable in Germany. Offenders face harsh penalties, even seizure of their truck.

Life-threatening situations can arise for the migrants or the driver himself. The load can be damaged.

Therefore, protect yourself from criminal acts and dangers!

The following safety instructions are to be observed:

**Before departure**
- Check the vehicle and the load on transfer for any irregularities.
- Load the freight without gaps.
- Watch out for any changes to the tarpaulin, box body and seals or hand prints on the dirty tarpaulin.
- Secure the loading area with suitable locking mechanisms (lock, seal, etc.).
- Note the number of the lock or seal on the vehicle documents.

**Breaks and parking**
- Park the vehicle on well-lit parking spaces.
- Caution when dealing with strangers in rest areas.
- Pay attention to other parked vehicles (voices/coughing behind the tarpaulin).
- Check the vehicle after every break.
- Carefully check locks and exterior surfaces for damage or repairs.
- Inspect possible hiding places: windjammer, lockers, top and bottom surfaces, axles, panniers, etc.

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