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## **ROAD SAFETY AS AN ELEMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Road safety is an element of public safety, which can be determined by identifying dangers threatening public interests. Systematic approach to road safety leads to the creation of a new quality, thanks to the link between its components, which include: behavior, a vehicle and road infrastructure. Referring to the internationally accepted concept of the responsibility for the protection it can be assumed that the international community has a duty to undertake actions in case of law breaking. The common recognition of the concept of the responsibility for protection has led to adding the obligation to ensure people's security to the state's security system. The application of the concept to the potential and actual victims of accidents can lead to the conclusion that Member States ensure road safety on the basis of the above mentioned determinants.