



Road Crashes and Traffic Regulations

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INTRODUCTION

❑ Chapter 361 of the 1995 Constitution of the republic of Uganda establishes the Traffic and Road safety Act

Our mandate is to enforce traffic and road safety Laws with a view ensuring safety of the road users.

Other related Laws include; The highway code, Traffic and road safety (rules of the road) regulations 2004 etc

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AIM

To acquaint you the Busoga Health Forum members on the root causes of road crashes and road safety measures in order to avoid **DEATH** on our Roads and to bring to your attention the various regulations that are used in enforcement

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SCOPE

- ☐ What is Road Crash/accident?
- ☐ What is ROAD SAFETY ?
- ☐ Statistical data on crashes
- ☐ Causes of the road crashes
- ☐ Traffic Regulations that we have in place

- ☐ Conclusion

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What is Road accident/crash?

- ❑ This is a collision involving a vehicle on road or in a public place [area] that has caused damage, death or injury to a person, animal another vehicle or property.



What is road safety?

❑ Road safety refers to the methods and measures used to prevent road users from being killed or seriously injured.



Road Safety cont...

- ❑ Road Users include the following;
 - Pedestrians
 - Cyclists including pedal cyclists
 - Motorists
 - Vehicle passengers both on private and on PSVs

Accident statistics

Road user Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Motorcyclists	918	878	1,064	1,146	1,390
Passengers on Motorcycle	364	380	422	409	528
Passengers in Light Omnibus	94	93	82	83	64
Passengers in Medium Omnibus	22	30	8	10	13
Passengers in Heavy Omnibus	10	48	27	12	16
Total	1,408	1429	1,603	1,660	2,011

Table 2: Persons seriously Injured 2017 – 2021

Road user Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Motor cyclist	2,748	2,356	2,456	2,883	4,377
Passenger on Motor cycle	1,697	1,725	1,866	1,452	2,393
Passenger in Light Omnibus	730	651	718	334	489
Passenger in Medium Omnibus	153	50	133	49	36
Passenger in Heavy Omnibus	123	234	271	81	115
Total	5,451	5,016	5,444	4,799	7,410

Class of Vehicle	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Light Omnibuses (14 seaters)	2,382	2,241	2,100	1,289	1,910
Medium Omnibuses (30 seaters)	182	217	189	141	170
Heavy Omnibuses (60 seaters)	281	245	221	177	224
Motorcycles	6,310	5,503	5,889	6,305	9,685
Total	9,155	8,206	8,399	7,912	11,989

Statistics cont.....

- Annually 1.35M pple are killed on roads globally and daily 3,700 pple are killed in crashes involving cars,buses,trucks,Motorcycles..
- And on average 1 person is lost every 25 seconds in a crash
- Low income Countries have 1% of registered motor vehicles but contribute 13% of all traffic deaths globally



statistics cont.....

- Road crashes are the leading cause of death in children b/n 5-14 years
- More than 1/2 of these crash victims are vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists...)

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Major Causes of Accidents

- **Speeding** –Speeding causes drivers to lose control of their vehicles, increases stopping time (in case of emergency situation) and decreases the effectiveness of safety mechanisms. The higher the speed of the car, the more severe the injuries in case of an accident and the lower the chances of survival.

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Causes of accidents cont...

- **Mechanical condition of a vehicle;** mechanical problems due lack of maintenance or defects in auto parts can cause or contribute to a tragic wreck

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Leading Mechanical problems include

- **Tyres;** One of the top mechanical faults that can cause an accident is faulty tyres. If the tyres are worn out and the tread is diminished the tyres are more likely to slip and it could take a driver longer to stop due to the tyre weakened grip on the road



Leading Mechanical problems cont...

- **Brakes;** Faulty brakes can prevent the driver from being able to slow down or stop suddenly if a traffic condition requires him to do so. The end result may be collision

Brakes system can be WARN brake lines, warn brake pads and discs or malfunctions of the antilock brake system



Leading Mechanical problems cont...

- **Steering and suspension System;** if the steering and suspension fails, a driver can lose control of their vehicle and collide with another vehicle
- **Headlights and Tail lights;** working lights are essential for safe driving in bad weather and at Night, Faulty lights can make it impossible for the driver to see or to be seen

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Leading Mechanical problems cont...

- **Windshield Wipers;** while having working windshield wipers may not seem to be a big deal, they are crucial for safe driving, if they are defective or wornout, they will not clear the rain debris off the windshield and will dramatically reduce a drivers ability to see their environments clearly



Causes of accidents cont...

- **Bad Roads;** Poorly maintained roadways cause accidents in a variety of ways, mostly instances the driver may attempt to avoid a certain situation like potholes or pooling water which causes accidents

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Causes of accidents cont...

- Reckless driving i.e overtaking in corners, failing to give signals, drifting, into another lane, using handheld phones, failure to respect traffic lights, failing to stop at pedestrian crossings, distracted driving etc. {REF:T&RS Act,1998 AMEND 2020}

Traffic Regulations

- EPS for Road Traffic Offenders Reg'n 2013
- Driving schs & Driving Instructors Reg'n 2010
- Motorcycle & motorized Tricycles Reg'n 2016
- Mv inspection Reg'n 2016
- Restriction of use of Mobile phones Reg'n 2004
- Speed limit Reg'n 2004
- Wearing of seatbelts Reg'n 2004

Regulations con.....

- Prescribed alcohol limit Reg'n 2004
- Reflectors Reg'n 2012



REFERENCES

- Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995
- Traffic and road safety Act 1998 (as Ammended)
- Statutory Instrument on the rules of the road 2004
- Annual police Reports (2014-2021)

QUESTIONS?

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