

Department of Disease Control

Weekly disease forecast No.103_Road Traffic Injuries (10 – 16 April 2017)

According to the road traffic injury surveillance by the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, there were higher number of injured victims and deaths during Songkran festival in 2016. The highest incidence together with the highest alcohol consumption rates were found in teenage and working age populations (15 - 24 years).

The most common risk factor was motorcycling. Most accidents occurred on highways. The most frequent time of the accidents was during 2 to 8 p.m. Every year the highest number of injured victims and deaths was found on April 13, the first day of the festival.



According to this week disease forecast, there is a possibility of more road traffic accidents this year. Based on the analyzed data, most victims drank alcohol while celebrating Songkran and ended up in road accidents on their way back home. The behavior has a strong correlation with the most frequent time and place of road accidents.

During the coming-up Songkran festival, the Department of Disease Control advises all individuals to drive carefully and strictly observe and obey the traffic rules and regulations. Car passengers at all seats should wear safety belts. Motorcyclists should wear safety helmets. The most effective measure is to avoid drunk driving.

In case of confronting an accident while lacking of knowledge and skills on rescuing and first aid, do not try to move victims. Please immediately call Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Teams at 1669.

For queries or additional information, please call DDC hotline 1422.

