

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.141_Road Traffic Injuries (1 – 7 January 2018)

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation revealed that road traffic accidents, injured victims, and deaths during the new year holidays from 28 December 2017 to 3 January 2018 all declined compared to the same period of last year. However, the death toll was still high, i.e. 423.

Death at accident scene was 60%. The key risk factor was drunk driving (37%). The second common risk factors were exceed speed driving, driving in poor visibility, and cut off driving. Motorcycle accounted for the highest incidence rate (80%), followed by pick-up truck, car and van respectively.



According to this week disease forecast, the risk of road traffic accidents will continue to be high especially during the long-holiday celebration of the country together with many risky behaviors of road users.

The Department of Disease Control therefore recommends the protective measures for all vehicle users and passengers, i.e. 1) Carefully check up vehicle safety condition every time before travelling, make sure that drivers have physical fitness and a good rest, and avoid driving under poor visibility, 2) While travelling, all vehicle users must always protect themselves well, i.e. both car drivers and passengers must fasten safety belts. Motorcyclists and passengers must wear safety helmets. All must drive within the speed limit and strictly observe and obey the traffic rules and regulations. Do not use mobile phone while driving. If needed, stop the vehicle at a safety place.

If a long distance driving is planned, another driver should be ready to take turns. Otherwise, in case of sleepiness, frequent stops for 10 – 15 minute naps are crucial. Avoid drunk driving by having someone drive for you or use public transport such as taxi or bus instead.

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