## Department of Disease Control Weekly Disease Forecast No.32\_Road Accidents (9 - 15 November 2015)

From the national disease surveillance system, there were 7 major road accidents (i.e. more than 5 deaths or more than 15 injured victims) during October to early November 2015. The total number of victims were 101 road traffic injuries and 73 deaths.

Risk factors were unskilled and doubledecker bus driving in mountains, drink driving, non-stop long distance driving, high speed driving and unsafe vehicles.





According to this week disease forecast, during the coming cold season, many tourists travelling as families or groups, will visit national parks and mountains by vans or buses. Unsaved long distance travelling can increase the risk of road accidents.

The Department of Disease Control therefore encourages all individuals and agencies with travel plans or seminars during this high season to study the routes of travelling, choose appropriate vehicles, check vehicle safety condition and driver physical fitness. If a long distance driving is planned, another driver should be ready to take turns. Skilled and not-drink drivers should be chosen.

In case of any road accidents, please call Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Teams at 1669.

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



