

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.39_Road traffic accidents (28 December 2015 – 3 January 2016)

The Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation has revealed that during “the seven dangerous days” of the New Year 2015 Holidays, there were 2,997 road traffic accidents with 3,117 injured victims and 341 deaths.

The most common risk factors were motorcycling (82.26 %), drunk driving (37.30 %), and driving during 4 to 8 p.m.



According to this week disease forecast, the risk of road traffic accidents is increasing during the new year holidays as many families or friends are travelling by car, van, or bus back to their hometowns or tourist attraction places. Unsaved long distance travelling, motorcycling and drunk driving are the most common risk factors.



The Department of Disease Control therefore encourages all individuals and agencies with travel plans 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, 1 or 2 more drivers should be ready to take turns. Skilled and not-drink drivers should be chosen.

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

