

Department of Disease Control

Weekly Disease Forecast No.60_Road traffic injuries (30 May 2016 – 5 June 2016)

The national disease surveillance system from 1 January to 22 May 2016 revealed that there were 290,657 injured victims and 4,436 deaths from road traffic accidents .

During last week, there were 6 road traffic crashes causing 12 deaths and 16 injured victims in provinces including Tak (7 deaths and 2 injured), Pattani (2 deaths), Kanchanaburi (1 death, 6 injured), Songkla (1 death), and Lampang (8 injured)

The most common risk factors were driving vehicles in or after rain on unsafe roads, i.e. winding and steep slopes, in rural areas.



According to this week disease forecast, there is a possibility of more road traffic accidents as Thailand has entered the rainy season. The rain will cause slippery conditions, reduce drivers' visibility and longer distance to stop vehicles.



The Department of Disease Control therefore encourages all motorists to drive carefully in or right after rain as the road condition will be slippery. Vehicle safety condition should be checked before travelling, i.e. all the main controls (steering, clutch, brake and accelerator), wiper blades, tires, and lights. All motorists should drive slowly and cautiously, leave lots of space from the vehicle in front, i.e. twice as normal and slow down the vehicles before entering the flooded area.

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