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MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION 2020

The road traffic situation has generally improved in the first half of 2020. However, road traffic accidents involving motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians, and speeding by motorists, remain key concerns.

Decrease in Traffic Accidents Resulting in Fatalities and Injuries in the First Half of 2020

2. In the first half of 2020, the total number of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities or injuries decreased by 33.1% to 2,565, from 3,832 in the same period in 2019. The total number of fatalities and injuries also decreased, by 37.0% to 3,071, from 4,876 in the same period in 2019.

(a) The number of accidents resulting in injuries in the first half of 2020 decreased by 33.3% to 2,517, from 3,773 in the same period in 2019. The number of injured persons in the first half of 2020 decreased by 37.3% to 3,021, from 4,817 in the same period in 2019.

(b) The number of accidents resulting in fatalities in the first half of 2020 decreased by 18.6% to 48, from 59 in the same period in 2019. The number of fatalities in the first half of 2020 decreased by 15.3% to 50, from 59 in the same period in 2019.

3. The decrease in road traffic accidents and fatalities is likely due to the COVID-19 Circuit Breaker period¹, when there was less traffic on the roads.

¹ From 7 April to 1 June 2020

Decrease in Red-Light Running, Speeding-Related and Drink-Driving Accidents, but Increase in Speeding-Related Violations and Fatal Drink-Driving Accidents

4. The number of red-light running, speeding-related and drink-driving accidents in the first half of 2020 decreased, compared to the same period in 2019. However, the number of speeding-related violations and drink-driving accidents resulting in fatalities increased.

(a) Red-Light Running Accidents and Violations

The number of red-light running accidents in the first half of 2020 decreased by 59.6% to 40, from 99 in the same period in 2019. The number of red-light running violations in the first half of 2020 decreased by 14.3% to 24,169, from 28,208 in the same period in 2019.

(b) Speeding-Related Accidents and Violations

The number of speeding-related accidents in the first half of 2020 decreased by 8.1% to 329, from 358 in the same period in 2019. However, the number of speeding violations in the first half of 2020 increased by 5.2% to 94,359, from 89,718 in the same period in 2019. The Traffic Police (TP) take a serious view of such violations, which put the lives of motorists and other road users at great risk. Motorists should keep within the speed limits at all times.

(c) Drink-Driving Accidents and Arrests

The number of drink-driving accidents in the first half of 2020 decreased by 36% to 55, from 86 in the same period in 2019. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving in the first half of 2020 decreased by 31.9% to 661, from 971 in the same period in 2019. However, the number of drink-driving accidents resulting in fatalities increased by 50% to 6, from 4 in the same period in 2019.

5. Since 1 November 2019, heavier imprisonment terms and fines for irresponsible driving offences have come into effect with the amendments to the Road Traffic Act. Penalties for drink-driving were increased. First-time offenders caught drink-driving are liable to face an imprisonment term of up to 12 months, a fine of between \$2,000 and \$10,000, or both. Repeat offenders will also be liable for heavier penalties, with an imprisonment term of up to two years, a fine of between \$5,000 and \$20,000, or both.

6. TP will continue with its strong enforcement efforts and will not hesitate to take action against errant road users.

Accidents Involving Vulnerable Road User Groups Remains a Key Concern

7. While the number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians² and motorcyclists has decreased, these two road user groups remain key concerns as they continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death.

(a) Traffic Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians

The total number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians in the first half of 2020 decreased by 40.7% to 108, from 182 in the same period in 2019.

The number of fatalities who were elderly pedestrians decreased by 52.9% to 8, from 17 in the same period in 2019. The number of injured elderly pedestrians decreased by 40.2% to 101, from 169 in the same period in 2019.

In the first half of 2020, about 46% of all accidents involving elderly pedestrians were attributed to jaywalking. For their safety, elderly pedestrians should use pedestrian crossings when crossing the roads.

(b) Traffic Accidents Involving Motorcyclists

² Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 years old and above.

The number of accidents involving motorcyclists in the first half of 2020 decreased by 30.7% to 1,534, from 2,215 in the same period in 2019.

The number of fatalities who were motorcyclists or pillion riders decreased by 6.3% to 30, from 32 in the same period in 2019. The number of injured motorcyclists or pillion riders decreased by 34.1% to 1,615 from 2,452 in the same period in 2019.

However, motorcyclists continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents and fatalities. Motorcyclists or pillion riders were involved in about 60% of overall traffic accidents, and made up about 60% of traffic fatalities, in the first half of 2020. TP will continue to work with stakeholders, such as the Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC), to encourage safer riding habits amongst motorcyclists.

Bringing Road Safety Efforts to Online Platforms to Widen Outreach

8. TP has continued its public education efforts to raise awareness of road safety and encourage road users to play their part in keeping Singapore's roads safe. Given the COVID-19 situation, TP has focused its engagement efforts on online platforms.

9. In June 2020, TP, together with the SRSC and other stakeholders, launched the Singapore Road Safety Month 2020 online campaign. Animation videos were also published on the Use Your RoadSense Facebook page to engage and educate road users on road safety tips and traffic hotspots. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for screenshots of the road safety animation videos. As part of the campaign, road safety posters and banners were displayed at public transport facilities within the heartlands and in the vicinity of schools.

10. To better reach out to elderly road users, TP used platforms such as radio talk shows, and played road safety videos on advertisement screens located in neighbourhoods with high human traffic. TP and SRSC will be organising a road safety online campaign (via Facebook and YouTube platforms) from end August,

which will be targeted at helping families and loved ones of elderly road users inculcate road safety behaviour and increase road safety awareness amongst the latter. TP is also working with the People's Association for road safety pamphlets to be distributed to senior citizens, together with hand sanitisers and wet wipes, at selected Community Centres.

11. The Singapore Ride Safe online campaign to raise road safety awareness amongst motorcyclists will be held later this year. The theme for this year's campaign, "Be Safe For Your Loved Ones" aims to remind motorcyclists to ride safely so that they can go home safely to their loved ones. More details will be released when ready.

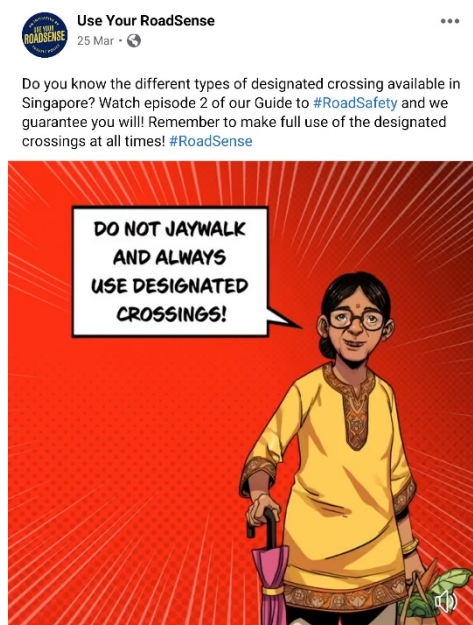
12. Road safety is a shared responsibility. All road users must play their part in keeping our roads safe.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE
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Screenshots of Road Safety Animation Videos on Use Your RoadSense Facebook Page

Animation Video on Road Safety Tips published in March 2020

(Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/1618669091698712/posts/2671336689765275/>)



Animation Video on Traffic Hotspots published in May 2020

(Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/1618669091698712/posts/2714596735439270/>)



OVERALL ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION IN FIRST HALF OF 2020

IMPROVED

BUT THERE ARE KEY AREAS OF CONCERN



ACCIDENTS
RESULTING IN
FATALITIES

↓ 18.6%

2019 59
2020 48



ACCIDENTS
RESULTING IN
INJURIES

↓ 33.3%

2019 3,773
2020 2,517



FATALITIES

↓ 15.3%

2019 59
2020 50



INJURED
PERSONS

↓ 37.3%

2019 4,817
2020 3,021

RED-LIGHT RUNNING



SPEEDING-RELATED ACCIDENTS



KEY AREAS OF CONCERN

Increase in SPEEDING VIOLATIONS,
daily average of 518 violations



↑ 5.2%

2019	89,718
2020	94,359

Jaywalking is the cause of 46% of all accidents involving **ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS**



The number of
accidents involving
elderly pedestrians

↓ 40.7%

2019	182
2020	108

Fatalities among
elderly pedestrians

↓ 52.9%

2019	17
2020	8

Injured persons
among elderly
pedestrians

↓ 40.2%

2019	169
2020	101

MOTORCYCLISTS continue to be **over-represented** in traffic accidents

Accidents involving motorcycles made up about **60%** of overall traffic accidents and traffic fatalities



Accidents
involving
motorcycles

↓ 30.7%

2019	2,215
2020	1,534

Fatalities among
motorcyclists
or pillion riders

↓ 6.3%

2019	32
2020	30

Injured persons
among motorcyclists
or pillion riders

↓ 34.1%

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2020	1,615



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