



## **POLICE NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION 2021**

Traffic accidents resulting in fatalities and injuries in the first half of 2021 increased when compared to the same period in 2020, partly due to the increased number of road users and vehicles. Drink-driving and speeding-related accidents increased, while the number of red-light running accidents and accidents involving elderly pedestrians decreased.

2. The number of traffic accidents and violations was however still generally lower than the pre-COVID period, due to the lighter traffic volume on the roads as a result of more people staying at home. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for comparisons of accidents and violation data for the first half of 2019, 2020 and 2021. Going forward, as the traffic volume increases with resumption of more activities, we can expect traffic accidents and violation figures to increase. Accidents involving motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians remain key concerns.

#### ***Increase in Traffic Accidents Resulting in Fatalities and Injuries in the First Half of 2021***

3. In the first half of 2021, the total number of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities or injuries increased by 16.2% to 2,998, from 2,579 in the first half of 2020. The total number of fatalities and injuries also increased, by 17.0%, from 3,108 in the first half of 2020 to 3,635 in the first half of 2021.

(a) The number of accidents resulting in injuries in the first half of 2021 increased by 16.4% to 2,946, from 2,530 in the first half of 2020. The number of injured persons in the first half of 2021 increased by 17.0% to 3,577, from 3,057 in the first half of 2020.

(b) The number of accidents resulting in fatalities in the first half of 2021 increased to 52, from 49 accidents in the first half of 2020. The number of fatalities in the first half of 2021 increased to 58, from 51 in the first half of 2020.

4. The increase in road traffic accidents, injured persons and fatalities is likely due to the increase in road traffic in the first half of 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020, when we had the COVID-19 Circuit Breaker.<sup>1</sup> However, when compared to the pre-COVID period in the first half of 2019, the total number of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities or injuries has decreased by 21.8%.

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

5. The number of red-light running violations and accidents, and speeding violations, decreased in the first half of 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. However, the number of drink-driving and speeding-related accidents increased.

**(a) Red-Light Running Violations and Accidents**

The number of red-light running violations in the first half of 2021 decreased by 0.8% to 23,952, from 24,147 in the same period in 2020. The number of red-light running accidents in the first half of 2021 also decreased, from 51 in the first half of 2020 to 47 accidents in the first half of 2021.

**(b) Speeding Violations and Speeding Related Accidents**

The number of speeding violations in the first half of 2021 decreased by 29.8% to 66,270, from 94,348 in the first half of 2020. However, the number of speeding-related accidents in the first half of 2021 increased by 25.3% to 426, from 340 in the first half of 2020.

**(c) Drink-Driving Accidents and Arrests**

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<sup>1</sup> Circuit Breaker was from 7 April 2020 to 1 June 2020.

The number of drink-driving accidents in the first half of 2021 increased by 20.3% to 77, from 64 in the first half of 2020. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving in the first half of 2021 went up by 7.7% to 724, from 672 in the first half of 2020.

6. TP will continue to take strong enforcement action against errant motorists who violate traffic rules.

### ***Accidents Involving Vulnerable Road User Groups Remain a Key Concern***

7. While the number of fatal accidents involving elderly pedestrians and motorcyclists has decreased, these remain key concerns as they continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death.<sup>2</sup>

#### **(a) Traffic Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians**

The total number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians in the first half of 2021 decreased slightly. There were 102 such accidents in the first half of 2021, compared to 107 accidents in the corresponding period in 2020.

The number of elderly pedestrian fatalities decreased from eight in the first half of 2020 to five in the first half of 2021. The number of injured elderly pedestrians remained stable, at 99 in the first half of 2021 compared to 100 in the same period in 2020.

In the first half of 2021, about 47.1% of all accidents involving elderly pedestrians were attributed to jaywalking. For their safety, elderly pedestrians are advised to use pedestrian crossings or overhead bridges to cross the roads.

#### **(b) Traffic Accidents Involving Motorcyclists**

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<sup>2</sup> Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 years old and above.

The number of accidents involving motorcyclists in the first half of 2021 increased by 10.1%, from 1,546 accidents in the first half of 2020 to 1,702 accidents in the corresponding period in 2021.

The number of motorcyclist and pillion rider fatalities decreased by 16.1%, from 31 in the first half of 2020 to 26 in the first half of 2021. The number of injured motorcyclists and pillion riders increased by 10.5% from 1,631 in the first half of 2020 to 1,803 in the same period in 2021.

Motorcyclists continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents and fatalities. Motorcyclists and pillion riders were involved in 56.8% of overall traffic accidents, and made up 44.8% of traffic fatalities, in the first half of 2021.

TP will continue to work with stakeholders to encourage safer driving habits amongst motorcyclists.

### ***Continuing Road Safety Education Efforts, Online and Offline***

8. Since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, TP has shifted its education and engagement efforts on road safety, online.
9. In May 2021, TP collaborated with the Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC) to launch the Singapore Road Safety Month 2021 online campaign.
  - (a) Road safety videos were published on SRSC's Facebook and YouTube pages to engage and educate road users on road safety tips. Please refer to [Annex B](#) for screenshots of the road safety videos.
  - (b) In addition to the online campaign, TP organised a month-long 'Spot-the-Safe Motorist' programme, where motorists spotted by TP patrol officers displaying safe driving behaviours or performing courteous acts on the roads were rewarded with a COVID-19 care pack. The programme received

positive feedback and was publicised through social media platforms. Please refer to [Annex C](#) for photographs taken during the programme.

10. TP has continued to focus on the safety of seniors on the roads, reaching out both virtually and physically.

(a) In July 2021, with support from the Land Transport Authority (LTA) and Lions Befrienders, TP collaborated with SRSC to launch the Road Safety for Seniors 2021 campaign. Please refer to [Annex D](#) for a screenshot of the programme.

(b) As part of the campaign, an online road safety programme comprising a road safety talk, a sharing session on eye care for seniors and a road safety skit, was held for seniors from nine Lions Befrienders senior activity centres. The programme was recorded and posted on SRSC's Facebook and YouTube pages for wider outreach. Beneficiaries of Lions Befrienders also received road safety collaterals bearing road safety reminders as part of the campaign.

(c) Separately, road safety banners were placed at accident-prone locations and jaywalking hotspots to remind and encourage elderly pedestrians to cross only at designated crossings.

11. TP's education and engagement efforts have continued to target different road user groups.

(a) To reach the general public, TP collaborated with Sheng Siong Supermarket Pte Ltd to promote road safety. Pre-recorded road safety advisories were played over sound systems in their major supermarkets to remind shoppers to practise road safety.

(b) In October 2021, TP will be collaborating with the SRSC and LTA to launch the Ride Safe Campaign, to encourage motorcyclists to don protective gear and practise safe riding habits.

- (c) TP will hold the RoadSense Finale Virtual Show on 12 October 2021, with the aim of emphasising the importance of road safety, as well as graciousness and responsibility among road users.
- (d) The SHELL Traffic Games will be held in December 2021 to remind children on the importance of practising road safety from a young age.
- (e) The Anti-Drink Drive Campaign, which aims to remind motorists not to drink and drive, will be held in December 2021.

More details on these events will be released when ready.

12. Road safety is a shared responsibility. All road users must play their part if we are to keep our roads safe.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE  
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**A. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN FATALITIES AND INJURIES**

<b>Overall</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	59	49	52
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	3,773	2,530	2,946
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>2,998</b>

**B. RED-LIGHT RUNNING VIOLATIONS**

<b>Red-light Running</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Violations Detected</b>	28,208	24,147	23,952

**C. RED-LIGHT RUNNING ACCIDENTS**

<b>Red-light Running</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	1	1	1
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	98	50	46
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>

**D. SPEEDING VIOLATIONS**

<b>Speeding-Related</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Violations Detected</b>	89,718	94,348	66,270

**E. SPEEDING RELATED ACCIDENTS**

<b>Speeding-Related</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	19	12	15
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	339	328	411
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>426</b>

**F. DRINK-DRIVING ARRESTS**

<b>Drink-Driving</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Persons Arrested for Drink-Driving</b>	971	672	724

**G. DRINK-DRIVING ACCIDENTS**

<b>Drink-Driving</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	4	8	4
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	82	56	73
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>

**H. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS**

<b>Elderly Pedestrians</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	17	8	5
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	165	99	97
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>102</b>

**I. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLISTS**

<b>Motorcyclists &amp; Pillion Riders</b>	<b>1H2019</b>	<b>1H2020</b>	<b>1H2021</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	35	31	27
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	2,180	1,515	1,675
<b>Total No. of Accidents</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>1,702</b>

Screenshot of Road Safety Videos for Singapore Road Safety Month 2021

**In an accident, there is no second chance – Speeding**

*YouTube Link:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ask5CFzM9Q8>



**In an accident, there is no second chance – Red-Light Running**

*Facebook Link:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_fFBuZ2xTdc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fFBuZ2xTdc)





**Photographs taken during the 'Spot-the-Safe Motorist' Programme**

**On 17 June 2021, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, accompanied by Chairman, Singapore Road Safety Council, Mr Bernard Tay, joined Traffic Police Patrol Officers in spotting and rewarding motorists for their gracious road behaviour.**



**On 22 June 2021, a driver was spotted and rewarded by a Traffic Police Patrol Officer for her gracious road behaviour.**



## ANNEX D

### Screenshot of the online Road Safety Programme held during the 'Road Safety for Seniors 2021' Campaign

(Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SingaporeRoadSafetyCouncil/videos/576070710435062/>)



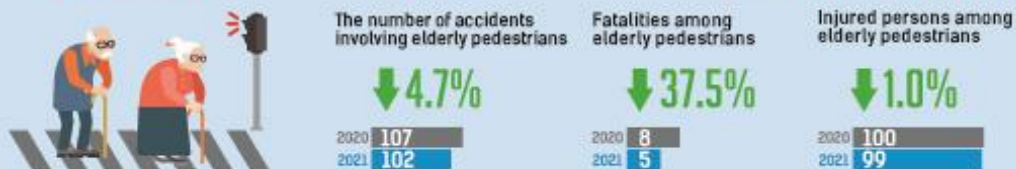
# MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION 2021

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN FATALITIES AND INJURIES INCREASED, PARTLY DUE TO THE INCREASED NUMBER OF ROAD USERS AND VEHICLES



**ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORCYCLISTS REMAIN VULNERABLE**  
THEY ACCOUNT FOR A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN INJURIES OR DEATH

**Jaywalking** is the cause for **47.1%** of all accidents involving **ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS**



**MOTORCYCLISTS** or pillion riders were involved in **56.8%** of overall traffic accidents, and made up **44.8%** of traffic fatalities

