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### **MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION UPDATE AND SINGAPORE RIDE SAFE 2017**

The overall road safety situation improved in the first half of 2017. There was a decrease in the number of fatal traffic accidents and fatalities, which continued the downward trend in fatalities since 2012.

#### ***Fewer Accidents in the First Half of 2017***

2 In the first half of 2017, the number of traffic fatalities decreased by 7.6% to 61, from 66 in the same period last year. Similarly, the number of fatal accidents for the first half of 2017 also decreased by 9.1% to 60, from 66 in the same period in 2016.

3 The number of accidents resulting in injuries decreased by about 5.3% to 3,820 in the first half of 2017, from 4,034 in the same period in 2016.

#### ***Accidents Involving Elderly Pedestrians Remained a Key Concern***

4 Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians continue to be a key concern. While fatal accidents involving elderly pedestrians dipped slightly to 11 in the first half of 2017, from 12 in the same period in 2016, the number of accidents resulting in injuries involving the elderly, however, continued to increase to 118 in the first half of 2017, from 112 in the same period last year.

5      40% of accidents involving elderly pedestrians resulted from jaywalking. Elderly pedestrians should use pedestrian crossings to cross the roads safely, and refrain from jaywalking.

### ***Improved Situation for Motorcyclists***

6      The number of fatal accidents involving motorcyclists decreased to 24 in the first half of 2017, from 32 in the same period in 2016. There was also a decrease in accidents resulting in injuries, to 2,141 in the first half of 2017, from 2,172 in the same period in 2016. However, despite the improved situation, motorcyclists still made up more than half of the overall traffic accidents, and close to 40% of traffic fatalities.

### ***Singapore Ride Safe 2017***

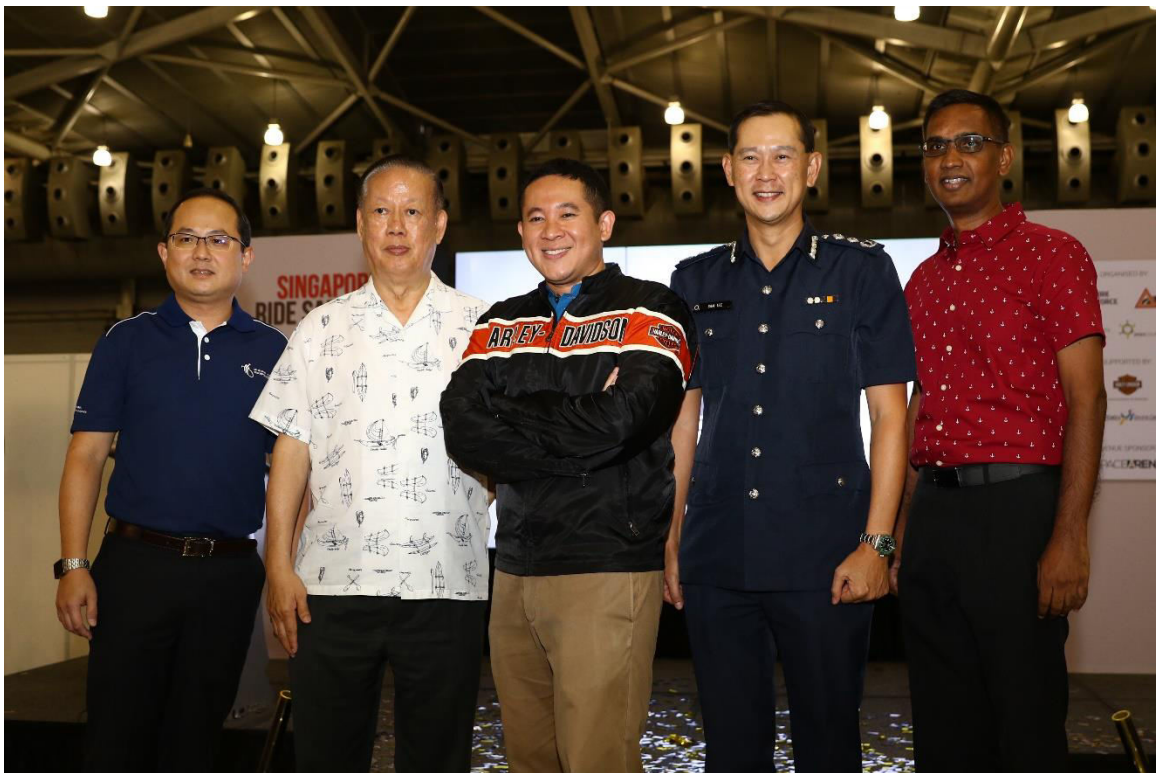
7      In conjunction with the Singapore Bike Show 2017, the Traffic Police and the Singapore Road Safety Council launched the Singapore Ride Safe 2017 on Saturday, 19 August 2017, at the Singapore Expo Hall 5. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health, Mr Amrin Amin graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour.

8      The theme for Singapore Ride Safe 2017 is **“Gear Up, Ride Safe”**. The campaign builds on last year’s efforts to remind the motorcyclist community of two major aspects of rider safety. **“Gear Up”** encourages motorcyclists to protect themselves and minimise injuries in accidents by wearing protective riding gear, such as jackets, covered shoes and gloves. **“Ride Safe”** inculcates good riding habits in motorists. These habits include maintaining safe braking distances, steering clear of the blind spots of larger vehicles and using designated rain shelters when it rains.

9 This year's Ride Safe campaign will also continue to reach out to delivery companies, to urge them to equip their riders with protective riding gear and encourage them to practise good RoadSense. Banners carrying the campaign message will also be placed on lamp posts and overhead bridges island-wide, as a clear and present reminder to all motorcyclists.

10 We encourage all motorcyclists to commit to safe road habits by pledging on the "Use Your RoadSense" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/roadsense.sg>). The pledge will end on Sunday, 20 August 2017.

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# IMPROVEMENT IN ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION FOR FIRST HALF OF 2017

## Decrease in Fatal Accidents & Fatalities



Fatal accidents and fatalities have **decreased** in the first half of 2017

Fatal accidents

2016	JAN - JUN	66	
2017	JAN - JUN	60	9.1%

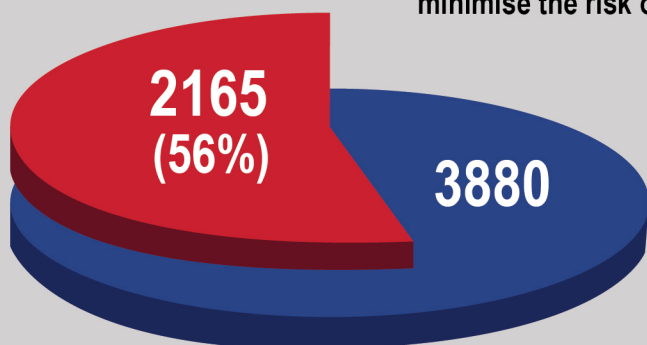
Fatalities:

2016	JAN - JUN	66	
2017	JAN - JUN	61	7.6%



## Areas of Concern:

Despite the decrease in accidents involving motorcyclists from Jan - Jun 2017, they still **make up 56% of overall traffic accidents**. Motorcyclists should wear protective gear and practice good riding habits to minimise the risk of accidents.



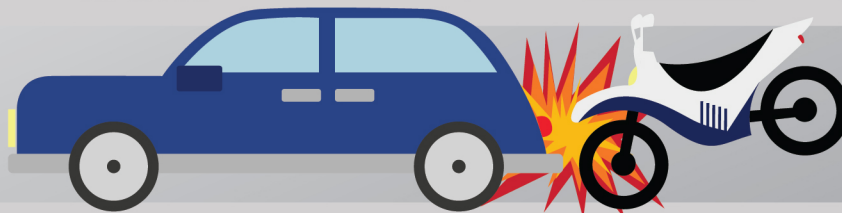
■ Accidents involving motorcycles Jan - Jun 2017  
■ Total no. of traffic accidents Jan - Jun 2017

Fatal accidents involving motorcycles

2016	JAN - JUN	32	
2017	JAN - JUN	24	25%

Injury accidents involving motorcycles

2016	JAN - JUN	2172	
2017	JAN - JUN	2141	1.4%



Accidents involving elderly pedestrians **increased by 4%**, and **40%** of these accidents occurred while they were jaywalking. Elderly pedestrians should use designated crossings to cross the roads safely.



Accidents involving elderly pedestrians

2016	JAN - JUN	124	
2017	JAN - JUN	129	4%