

SCHOOL: STRONG TOWER ACADEMY

SUBJECT: CIVIC EDUCATION

CLASS: SS2

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NOTE FOR WEEK FOUR

DUTIES OF PEDESTRIANS

A pedestrian is a person on foot or someone trekking along the road including people pulling the carts, wheel barrows, etc.

DUTIES OF THE PEDESTRIANS INCLUDE:

1. A pedestrian must obey the pedestrian traffic lights and signals
2. Pedestrians must ensure there is no approaching vehicle before crossing the moving part of the road.
3. Pedestrians must move against the moving direction of the road
4. Pedestrians should use suitable footpaths where provided
5. Pedestrians should always walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming vehicles
6. Pedestrians should not cross the road between or in front of parked vehicles

CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

A.HUMAN FACTORS LEADING TO ACCIDENTS

1. Poor maintenance culture of vehicles
2. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drug

3. Over-speeding and reckless driving
4. Indiscriminate park on major road just to change tyres or check engine faults
5. Some drivers are overconfident of themselves and their vehicles
6. Pedestrians who do not observe road traffic regulations often contribute to the road traffic accidents

B. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS LEADING TO ACCIDENTS

1. Poor weather condition
2. Driving when there is storm leading to loss of control of the vehicle.
3. Driving in dusty and hazy environment
4. Driving in an environment where there is no road signs to guide the driver
5. Driving on road full of potholes
6. Harmattan haze may prevent driver from seeing ahead properly and clearly
7. Driving and running into collapsed bridges unknowingly, especially when the driver is a stranger on that particular road.

MECHANICAL FACTORS LEADING TO ACCIDENTS

1. Brake failure due to poor maintenance
2. Bad car engine which causes exhaust fume or smoke leading to temporary road blindness for other users.
3. Poor visibility as a result of malfunctioning of the vehicle's wipers.

4. When the vehicle's seatbelt has been cut off and it cannot be used by the driver, while behind the wheels
5. When the vehicle wheel nuts are bad or are weak, tyres can bolt out on motion.
6. When vehicle's tyre(s) are weak or inferior, such can burst while the vehicle is on motion
7. When fuel tank in the vehicle is leaking this may lead to fire outbreak.

FIRST AID IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

First aid is the emergency treatment administered on an injured person before the arrival of medical personnel. Every road user is expected to have basic knowledge of first aid as well as to have first aid kit.

GENERAL RULES OF FIRST AID

1. Remove the casualty from danger
2. Assess the victim and treat the most urgent area of the victim
3. Before moving, watch out for spinal cord injuries, etc.
4. Give artificial respiration if the casualty has breathing problems.
5. Apply external cardiac massage if the heart has stopped working
6. Try to stop severe bleeding and pains
7. Try to keep crowd away, to ensure adequate supply of fresh air for the victim
8. Do not offer the casualty anything to drink or eat.

9. Do not lift the casualty alone, get about four and six persons to assist lift and transport him to the hospital or any nearby medical Centre without further delay.

ROLES OF DRIVERS IN REDUCING ROAD ACCIDENTS

1. Effective and prompt vehicle maintenance culture
2. Avoiding of alcohol and drugs before driving
3. Regular medical check up to prevent ill-health and poor vision.
4. Drivers should learn the road signs for easy location of their destinations
5. Drivers should also obey all the traffic regulations to avoid traffic jams or traffic hold-ups that could cause unnecessary delay on the road.
6. Drivers must endeavor to learn all the road signs, traffic lights in order to avoid sanctions from the traffic officials
7. Drivers must go for driving under the Ministry of Transportation Test Exercise, to confirm their eligibility to drive vehicles on the road.