

**SCHOOL: STRONG TOWER ACADEMY**

**SUBJECT: CIVIC EDUCATION**

**CLASS: SS2**

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**NOTE FOR WEEK THREE**

## **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

Traffic regulations are official rules and laws made for the education of road users, control of vehicles and people on our roads. These rules and regulations are made for the safety of every road user as they guide them on how to conduct themselves when using the roads. Traffic rules and regulations are not just to ease movement of human beings and vehicles, but also to assist in reducing the common occurrences of automobile accidents and other road mishaps in our highways.

## **TRAFFIC SIGNS**

Traffic signs are signs that provide motorists with information about traffic rules and regulations, special hazards, road conditions and other things which the

motorist need to know about the road e.g. pedestrian crossing/zebra crossing, narrow bridge, road bend left/right, traffic lights, T-junction, crossing-road, round-about, speed limits, e.t.c.

## **TYPES OF TRAFFIC SIGNS**

1. Regulatory Signs: These are traffic signs that guide the road users on what to do on the road. Examples are stop sign, Dead end sign, one way traffic, and speed limit. They are divided into two:
  - a. Prohibitory Regulatory signs: they are in yellow and red colour.
  - b. Mandatory Regulatory signs: they are blue in colour.
2. Informative Signs: These are signs that give information to the road users on the position of their location on the road so as to know to locate their destinations and how to behave on the road. Examples are indication signs, direction, position
3. Warning Signs: these are signs meant to warn the road users of the danger or risks on the road ahead of them while driving. They are usually triangular in shape, with red perimeter. Examples are warning

signs are animal crossing, road construction, curves and bends.

## **IMPORTANCE OF TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Safety: This is the major reason traffic signs are displayed along highways. It helps to avoid accidents
2. Efficiency: it is to make vehicles to move in the right direction and flow accordingly
3. Warnings: it assist drivers of vehicles to become conscious of the risks and danger ahead of them.
4. Mileage: Road signs and regulations helps drivers how far or near their destination is. It allows driver to prepare their vehicles adequately with enough fuel, diesel and gas or engine oil that keep the vehicle moving smoothly.
5. Directions: Road signs and directions have help drivers in tracing and locating their destinations without stress.
6. Speed Limit: Over speeding is one of the major causes of road accidents on our highways, if vehicles goes beyond its limitation, there is a tendency for impending danger.

## **BENEFITS OF TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Accident-free Road
2. Fines and Sanctions for traffic offenders
3. Pedestrian crossing
4. Consciousness of rules and regulations
5. Reduction of non-challant attitude while driving

## **STAKEHOLDERS IN TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Stakeholders are those who have one or two things to do with the road administration. The following are the stakeholders:

- a. The road
- b. The Road users
- c. The vehicles
- d. The traffic officers

## **BASIC ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

1. Obey traffic officials e.g. traffic wardens, Road Safety officials, etc.
2. Avoiding over-speeding
3. Obey traffic light signals
4. Know and obey traffic signs
5. Use your seat belt at all times while driving.
6. Vehicles are not to be overloaded

7. Vehicles should be kept in good working condition
8. Pedestrians should always cross roads using the zebra crossing
9. At junctions controlled by traffic lights, drivers should watch the traffic as well as the lights
10. Drivers should not take alcohol while driving
11. Motorcyclists must always protect their heads with safety helmets which must be properly fastened
12. Motorcyclists must not carry more than one passenger
13. Persons under 18 years of age must not drive
14. Drivers must drive with a valid drivers and vehicle licenses
15. Driver covering long distance should park and rest at intervals etc.