



# National Transport and Safety Authority

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The festive season is here again. It is a season characterized by increased travel to all parts of the Country, celebration and entertainment. It is also a season associated with increased risks and dangers on our roads.

A total of 2995 fatalities have been recorded this year compared to 2765 fatalities recorded in the same period last year. This is an increase of 8.3%. NTSA is determined to see a reversal in this trend. Several of factors contribute to the occurrence of road traffic crashes during the festive season. These include fatigue, speeding, overtaking improperly, drunk driving, lack of road courtesy, unroadworthy vehicles, and overloading.

The ongoing enhanced Traffic Law enforcement has already seen tremendous results including the reduction of fatalities in the month of November for the first time in four years. The month of December so far has recorded a reduction of 19.7% when compared to December 2017. However, enforcement alone cannot reverse the trend. Therefore there is need for total behavioral transformation and I urge Kenyans to join hands to reduce the fatalities. NTSA has intensified public education and awareness campaigns particularly at points of departure for public transport.

We urge all road users to exercise extra caution, especially at night when visibility is low. Increased travel means increased volume of vehicles on the roads and delays. Expect delays! Plan your journey well. When you encounter delays, avoid overlapping which only leads to more delay!

Increased travel also sees an increase in public service vehicles travelling outside of their designated routes and times. Do not board a PSV vehicle which is not licensed to operate the route. Utilize the NTSA App to confirm.

I remind PSVs that the arbitrary increase of fares is unjustified and caution them against ripping off customers. I urge all road users to speak out and report cases of arbitrary fare rises, careless driving, overlapping and overloading. Recently a

responsible citizen refused to allow PSV crew to overload a vehicle and took a video clip of the incident. Appropriate action has since been taken and NTSA has suspended that Sacco. I commend that citizen. Be your brother's keeper. Let us look out for each other.

Remember road safety starts with me and you.

**DIRECTOR GENERAL**