INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: National Committee for Road Safety

Funded in national budget: Yes

National road safety strategy: Yes

Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded


Fatality reduction target: 10% annually

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction: Yes

Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: Yes

Policies to promote walking or cycling: Yes

Policies to encourage investment in public transport: Yes

Policies to separate road users to protect VRUs: No

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles (2010): 2,070,357

- Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 1,249,269
- Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 380,854
- Heavy trucks: 376,701
- Buses: 63,533
- Other: 0

Vehicle standards applied: No

New car assessment programme: Yes

Vehicle regulations:
- Front and rear seat-belts required in all new cars: Yes
- Front and rear seat-belts required all imported cars: Yes

SAFER ROAD USERS

Penalty/demerit point system in place: Yes

National speed limits: Yes

Local authorities can set lower limits: Yes

Maximum limit urban roads: 80 km/h

Enforcement: 01 23 45 67 8 9 10

National drink–driving law: Yes

BAC limit — general population: 0.05 g/dl

BAC limit — young or novice drivers: 0.05 g/dl

BAC limit — professional/commercial drivers: 0.05 g/dl

Random breath testing and/or police checkpoints: Yes

Enforcement: 01 23 45 67 8 9 10

% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: —

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes

Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes

Helmet standard mandated: Yes

Enforcement: 01 23 45 7 8 9 10

Helmet wearing rate: —

National seat-belt law: Yes

Applies to front and rear seat occupants: No

Seat-belt wearing rate:
- 90% Drivers:
- 90% Front seats:

National child restraint law: No

Enforcement: —

National law on mobile phones while driving: Yes

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes

Law also applies to hands-free mobile phones: Yes

National law on mobile phones while driving: —

Alcohol consumption legally prohibited.

a Combined sources: Police and Health Facility Records. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.
b 2010, Syrian Association of Road Accident Prevention.

data collected by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by Ministry of Health.

c 2009, Syrian Association of Road Accidents Prevention (figures for major cities).

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2010): 2,118; 80% M, 20% F

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 2.3%

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Pedestrians (30%)

Drivers (all vehicles) (35%)

Passengers (all vehicles) (35%)

TRENDS IN ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS


Further data on each country can be found in the statistical annex.