COSTA RICA

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Road Safety Council (COSEVI)
Funded in national budget: No
National road safety strategy: Yes
Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded
Fatality reduction target: 6.28% (2010–2014)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

Formal audits required for new road construction projects: Yes
Regular inspections of existing road infrastructure: Yes
Policies to promote walking or cycling: Subnational
Policies to encourage investment in public transport: No
Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs: Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2013: 1,759,341
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 1,255,933
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 386,169
Heavy trucks: 43,498
Buses: 26,933
Other: 46,808

Vehicle standards applied:
- Frontal impact standard: No
- Electronic stability control: No
- Pedestrian protection: No

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law: Yes
Max urban speed limit: 50 km/h
Max rural speed limit: 60 km/h
Max motorway speed limit: No
Local authorities can modify limits: No
Enforcement: 012345678910

National drink–driving law: Yes
BAC limit – general population: ≤ 0.05 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers: ≤ 0.02 g/dl
Random breath testing carried out: Yes
Enforcement: 012345678910
% road traffic deaths involving alcohol: 1%

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
Law requires helmet to be fastened: No
Law refers to helmet standard: Yes
Enforcement: 012345678910
Helmet wearing rate: 94% Drivers, 71% Passengers

National seat-belt law: Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes
Enforcement: 012345678910
Seat-belt wearing rate: 66% Front seats, 53% Rear seats

National child restraint law: Yes
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat: Yes
Child restraint law based on: Age/Height
Enforcement: 012345678910
% children using child restraints: —

National law on mobile phone use while driving: Yes
Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use: Yes
Law also applies to hands-free phones: No
National drug-driving law: Yes

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013): 644, (83% M, 17% F)
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities: 676
WHO estimated rate per 100,000 population: 13.9
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: —

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers (11%)
Drivers/passengers heavy trucks (2%)
Pedestrians (32%)
Cyclists (9%)

Source: Judicial Branch, Statistics Unit (Data from 2013).

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Deaths per 100,000 population:

Source: National Institute of Statistics and Census, Judicial Statistics Unit.