LESOTHO

Population: 2 074 465 • Income group: Middle • Gross national income per capita: US$ 1 500

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency Road Safety Department
Funded in national budget Yes
National road safety strategy Yes
Funding to implement strategy Partially funded
Fatality reduction target 50% (2013–2015)

SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

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

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2013 122 997
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles —
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers —
Heavy trucks —
Buses —
Other —

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 80 km/h
Max motorway speed limit No
Local authorities can modify limits No

National drink–driving law Yes
BAC limit – general population ≤ 0.08 g/dl
BAC limit – young or novice drivers ≤ 0.08 g/dl
Random breath testing carried out Yes

National motorcycle helmet law Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers Yes
Law requires helmet to be fastened No
Law refers to helmet standard No

Helmet wearing rate —

National seat-belt law Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants No

Seat-belt wearing rate —

National child restraint law No
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat No

Child restraint law based on —

% children using child restraints —

National law on mobile phone use while driving No

Law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use —

Law also applies to hands-free phones —

National drug-driving law Yes

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system No
Emergency access telephone numbers Subnational

Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash —

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013) 327\(^a\) (33\% M, 14\% F)
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities 584 (95\%CI 491–677)
WHO estimated rate per 100 000 population 28.2

Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes —

\(^a\) Police Report. Defined as died within 30 days of crash.

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (17%)
Drivers/passengers heavy trucks (3%)
Drivers/passengers buses (1%)

Pedestrians (30%)
Cyclists (1%)
Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (1%)

Other (7%)

TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS


Source: Police Reports.