REPUBLIC OF KOREA

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Lead agency: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
Funded in national budget: Yes
National road safety strategy: Yes
Funding to implement strategy: Partially funded
Fatality reduction target: < 4000 deaths per year by 2017

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: Yes
Policies to encourage investment in public transport: Yes
Policies to separate road users and protect VRUs: Yes

SAFER VEHICLES

Total registered vehicles for 2013: 23,150,619
Cars and 4-wheeled light vehicles: 15,078,354
Motorized 2- and 3-wheelers: 2,117,035
Heavy trucks: 970,805
Buses: 4,984,425
Other: 0

Vehicle standards applied:
Frontal impact standard: Yes
Electronic stability control: Yes
Pedestrian protection: Yes

SAFER ROAD USERS

National speed limit law: Yes
Max urban speed limit: 80 km/h
Max rural speed limit: 80 km/h
Max motorway speed limit: 120 km/h
Local authorities can modify limits: Yes
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 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
Random breath testing carried out: No
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

National motorcycle helmet law: Yes
Applies to drivers and passengers: Yes
Law requires helmet to be fastened: Yes
Law refers to helmet standard: Yes
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

National seat-belt law: Yes
Applies to front and rear seat occupants: Yes
Enforcement: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

National child restraint law: No
Restrictions on children sitting in front seat: No
Child restraint law based on: —
Enforcement: —

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

POST-CRASH CARE

Emergency room injury surveillance system: Yes
Emergency access telephone numbers: 119
Permanently disabled due to road traffic crash: 0.4%

DATA

Reported road traffic fatalities (2013): 5,092
WHO estimated road traffic fatalities: 5,931
WHO estimated rate per 100,000 population: 12
Estimated GDP lost due to road traffic crashes: 1%

DEATHS BY ROAD USER CATEGORY

Drivers/passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (23%)
Pedestrians (39%)
Passengers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (10%)
Drivers 4-wheeled cars and light vehicles (23%)
Riders motorized 2- or 3-wheelers (16%)
Cyclists (15%)


TRENDS IN REPORTED ROAD TRAFFIC DEATHS

Source: Korean National Police Agency.

Population: 49,262,698 • Income group: High • Gross national income per capita: US$ 25,920