

FACT SHEET ROAD SAFETY

- x **Every 24 seconds**, one person dies in a road accident. That's 1.35 million people per year.
- x Globally, over 500 children under the age of 18 are killed on the road each day.
- x Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among young people aged 15 to 29 years.
- x More than half of the global road traffic deaths are among pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.
- x Boys and men account for 75% of road fatalities .
- x Between 20 and 50 million non-fatal injuries yearly are caused by road traffic crashes.
- x 93% of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low - and middle-income countries, even though these countries have approximately 60% of the world's vehicles. The death rate from road crashes is over 3.5 times higher in low-income countries .
- x In addition to human loss and suffering, road traffic accidents cause billions of dollars of associated costs which amounts, in many countries, to 3% of GDP.
- x Traffic-related mortality and injury cost the global economy billion s each year.