

Public urged to observe road safety during Lunar New Year holidays

The Transport Department (TD) today (February 10) reminded motorists and cyclists to observe road safety during the Lunar New Year holidays. Motorists must not drive after drinking alcohol and park their vehicles illegally, while cyclists must ride their bicycles with due care and attention.

A spokesman for the TD appealed to motorists not to drive after drinking alcohol or taking drugs, so as to avoid contravening the law. Even a small amount of alcohol or drugs will significantly impair driving ability, jeopardising the safety of the motorist and other road users. After drinking alcohol or taking drugs, one should use public transport services or arrange for someone else to drive.

Motorists must also not park their vehicles illegally. If necessary, they should park in a parking place or a car park with a view to maintaining smooth road traffic. This can avoid causing traffic jams, obstructing public transport operation or delaying emergency vehicles in rescue operations. This can also avoid obstructing the sight lines of pedestrians and other road users, which may cause traffic accidents. Fixed penalty notices will be issued for illegal parking and the vehicles may also be towed away.

Some people go cycling for leisure during holidays. The spokesman reminded them to cycle within their abilities and observe road safety, wear suitable personal protective equipment and properly check their bicycles. They should always be attentive, patient and law-abiding when cycling.

The spokesman emphasised that road safety hinges on the co-operation of every road user, and appealed to the public to exercise self-discipline and comply with traffic rules.