

An exploratory study of pedestrian fatalities in Limpopo Province of South Africa

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Abstract

Road users have the responsibility to ensure their safety on the road by following the rules of the road. Law enforcement officials must ensure that they implement the law at all times to ensure consistency and save lives. The inability of road users to understand and interpret the rules of the road is a major problem in South Africa and it put vulnerable road users such as pedestrians at risk of being killed on the road. This article focus on preventive measures to curb pedestrian fatalities in Limpopo Province. The article is based on a qualitatively rooted methodology including a wide range of primary and secondary sources such as documents from Road Traffic Management Corporation, academic books, articles, dissertations, thesis and reports from non-governmental organisations focusing on road safety in South Africa. The article further draws on the findings from the world on road safety and formulate steps to counteract pedestrian fatalities in South Africa. Road users should play a vital role in protecting themselves on the road by understanding the rules of the road and be able to interpret them. Law enforcement is a critical component of road safety, it is important to have law enforcement officials of integrity and respect for the law. The research based key steps leading to the prevention of pedestrian fatalities in South Africa. The first process related to implementing effective traffic control and other pedestrian safety measures, improve the reflectorization of pedestrians, promote enforcement and provide safe routes to school programmes and road safety education.

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