



**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA**



ADVISORY ON ROAD SAFETY

1. **Age and Licensing Requirements:** Student must be at least 18 years old to legally ride a two-wheeler or to drive a four-wheeler and must have a valid driving license issued by the Licensing Authority. If the student has only a learner's, they must be accompanied by a person having a valid driving license for a particular class of vehicle.
2. **Helmet Use:** Always wear a certified helmet. Both the rider and pillion must wear helmets. The helmet should fit properly and be securely fastened.
3. **Speed Limits:** Maintain the recommended speed limit, especially in school zones and residential areas. Extra caution should be taken near school premises, especially during pick-up and drop-off hours.
4. **No Overloading:** Only one pillion rider is allowed on a two-wheeler. Avoid overloading as it can affect balance and maneuverability. A separate order has been issued to ensure no overloading in buses and three-wheelers being used to take students.
5. **Traffic Rules:** Riders/Drivers must obey all traffic signals and road signs. Always use indicators when turning or changing lanes to alert other vehicles. Slow down at zebra crossings and allow pedestrians, especially school children, to cross safely.
6. **Defensive Riding:** Always be aware of other vehicles, pedestrians, and potential hazards on the road. Keep a safe distance from other vehicles, especially larger ones like buses and trucks.
7. **Safe Parking:** Always Park vehicles in designated parking areas to avoid congestion and accidents around school premises.
8. **Parent Responsibility:** Parents must ensure their child is of legal age and follows all safety measures when riding or driving. When walking along with their kids, they should ensure they keep the kids away from the road, always walk on the right side of the road and while crossing the road, always cross through the zebra crossing as it is the safe place to cross. They should also encourage children to prioritize safety over convenience or speed when riding.
9. **School's Role:** Schools should conduct regular road safety awareness programs and emphasize the importance of following traffic rules. They should encourage students to use public transport where possible.

10. **Don't use Mobile Phones:** Never use mobile phones for calls or texting while riding. It distracts you from the road and significantly increases the risk of accidents. Don't use earphones to listen to music or for calls while riding, as it blocks external sounds and reduces your awareness of traffic.
11. **Don't Engage in Stunts:** Avoid performing stunts or engaging in racing. These are highly dangerous and can lead to serious injuries, Don't make sudden sharp turns or accelerate abruptly, especially in crowded areas.
12. **Don't Tailgate:** Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, especially heavy vehicles like buses and trucks. Tailgating can lead to sudden collisions in case the vehicle in front stops abruptly.
13. **Drunken Driving:** Be responsible, don't drink and drive never drive dangerously – to ensure your own safety and that of road users.
14. **Keep Vehicle Fit:** To prevent break down and accidents in the road.
15. **Stop or Slow Down:** Allow pedestrians to cross first at uncontrolled zebra crossings. They have the Right of Way.

**Issued by
Shillong Traffic Police.**
