

**ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TEACHING MINORS HOW TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE**

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) would like to remind members of the public that under the Road Traffic Act No. 11 of 2002, it is an offence to teach a minor how to drive a motor vehicle.

The Agency has noticed with dismay an increase in the number of cases where parents and guardians teach children under the age of 18 years how to drive a motor vehicle. In most cases, these children are put on the laps as they are taught how to drive which is very dangerous.

Section 56 (1) of the Road Traffic Act No.11 of 2002 states that “no person shall drive a motor vehicle unless that person is the holder of a driving license authorising that person to drive a vehicle of that class or description. The Road Traffic Act under the same section part (2) further states that no person shall permit or employ any person to drive a motor vehicle on the road unless that person is the holder of driving license issued under the Act.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) Report, road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged between 5 to 29 years. Children have been classified as vulnerable road users, hence it is for this reason that the Agency is appealing to parents and guardians to assist reduce road traffic crashes in the country by refraining from teaching minors how to drive a motor vehicle. Parents and guardians should instead educate children on important matters pertaining to road safety.

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