



## ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### MISUSE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES IS AN OFFENCE

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA), would like to inform all emergency vehicle users and operators that the misuse of emergency motor vehicles when there is no emergency is an offence.

Section 149 of the Amended Road Traffic Act No. 8 of 2022 exempts drivers of emergency vehicles from offences of speeding, provided it is done with due regard to the safety of other traffic and such a vehicle is constantly sounding the siren and the designated identification lamp is on.

However, it is an offence to abrogate the law to ride on the exemption to such drivers when there is no emergency to be executed in linemp with such driver's duties.

An emergency vehicle refers to a vehicle which is designated and authorised to respond to an emergency. Section 6 of the Zambian Highway Code Rule number 266 describes an emergency vehicle as an Ambulance, Fire Engine or motor vehicle with flashing blue lights, red or green lights and is constantly sounding the siren.

We urge all operators of emergency motor vehicles to desist from this act of abusing emergency vehicles without any reasonable cause by adhering to the provisions of the law.

Kindly take this as official notification.

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