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## **SAFETY ALERT: ROAD USERS URGED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS DURING THE RAINY SEASON**

(Accra 12/6/26) The National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) has observed that recent heavy downpours have submerged major roads in parts of the capital and across the country.

The rainy season is typically accompanied by poor visibility, damaged road surfaces, and overflowing drains, creating hazardous conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and other road users. These factors often render some roads impassable due to flooding and debris. Considering these conditions, the NRSA is calling on all road users to be vigilant, cautious, and strictly adhere to road safety precautions following the onset of rain to prevent traffic incidents.

NRSA reminds the public that rainy weather significantly increases the risk of road traffic crashes and related fatalities. Drivers and vehicle owners are therefore advised to ensure their vehicles are in proper working condition, paying special attention to wipers, tyres, mirrors, and lighting.

Drivers are strongly advised not to drive through flooded roads or puddles of water, as the actual depth of the water cannot be accurately determined from inside a vehicle.

As little as six inches (15 cm) of water can cause a vehicle to lose traction, stall, or sustain serious engine damage if water enters the engine compartment. Additionally, one foot (30 cm) of moving water, approximately half the height of a vehicle's wheels, can sweep a vehicle off the road.

When confronted with a flooded roadway, motorists should turn around and seek an alternative route. No journey is worth risking lives or property.

Pedestrians are advised to remain visible and stay alert when walking along roads. Avoid using mobile phones or headphones, as they can distract you from traffic and other hazards. Always ensure that approaching drivers have seen you and have come to a complete stop before crossing the road.

Passengers are advised to assume frontline road safety roles by speaking up against any form of driver recklessness that could endanger their lives.

The NRSA emphasizes that collective vigilance and adherence to safety measures are essential to minimizing traffic crashes during the rainy season, and it will continue to work with road users to ensure safety.

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