

Terminology

The following terms are used in this note :-

- Accident : An incident reported to the Police, involving personal injury occurring on roads in the Territory, in which one or more vehicles are involved.
- Casualty : A person killed or injured in an accident in which there may be more than one casualty.
- Fatal accident : Traffic accident in which one or more persons dies within 30 days of the accident.
- Serious accident : Traffic accident in which one or more persons injured and detained in hospital for more than twelve hours.
- Slight accident : Traffic accident in which all persons involved are either not detained in hospitals or detained for not more than twelve hours.
- Killed casualty : Sustained injury causing death within 30 days of the accident.
- Serious injury : An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient' for more than twelve hours. Injuries causing death more than 30 days after the accident are also included in this category.
- Slight injury : An injury of a minor character, e.g. a sprain, bruise or cut judged not to be severe; slight shock requiring roadside attention; and detention in hospital for less than 12 hours or not required.
- Road users : Pedestrians and vehicle users which include all occupants (i.e. driver or rider and passengers, including persons injured while boarding or alighting from the vehicle).
- Vehicles involved : Vehicles whose drivers or passengers are injured, which hit a pedestrian or another vehicle whose driver or passengers are injured, or which contribute to the accident.