

ROAD ACCIDENT

Road accident is becoming frequent. The most obvious reason of accidents is unawareness, negligence and carelessness. A large number of road accident take place in India, every other day, people get injured or die in accidents.

Why Do Accidents Occur?

Broadly road accidents occur due to the following 4 reasons.

1) Defects in vehicle e.g. breakage of tie rod of a running vehicle type bursting, wheel coming loose or failure of brakes. Due to such occurrence the driver loses control on the vehicle and an accident results.

2) Error of driver e.g. overtaking at a wrong place, turning abruptly or stopping without prior signaling, which can cause collision with the vehicle following; driving fast through villages exceeding the speed limit; falling asleep at the wheel, overturning due to going round a curve at excessive speed, driving while intoxicated etc.,

3) Environment around the road e.g. error of drivers of other vehicles like bullock carts, cycles, rickshaw, jay walking, pedestrians, school children being run over, cattle or dogs etc. running onto roads.

4) Defects in roads: A study of accidents registered with the police shows that the number of accidents due to this reason is around 10% of total accidents. Even allowing for some errors in analysis of reasons for accidents, the figure will not exceed 20%.
