

# **Convention on the Rights of the Child**

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**Illustrate**

On August 2, 2019, the Ministry of Communications of Taiwan proposed to amend the road traffic safety rules and the draft "Unified Penalty Benchmark Table for Violations of Road Traffic Management Incidents", amending Article 140 to read: In accordance with Article 82 of these Regulations, the police officers for traffic service, personnel other than those who carry out traffic command and traffic inspection tasks in accordance with the law, and the on-site escort personnel of school traffic service teams at all levels shall not obstruct people and vehicles on the road and obstruct traffic. It was announced on October 1 of the same year.

The number of casualties among children under the age of 12 in Taiwan in road traffic accidents increased from nearly 7,600 in 106 and 8,121 in 107 to 8,763 in 109. On average, about 24 children are injured or killed in traffic accidents every day. In the past three years, the number of child traffic accident casualties has shown an upward trend, and if children do not have Dao'an, then children in Taiwan will not have a future.

Taiwan's population is currently in a negative growth state, mainly due to the impact of the decline in birthrates, but in recent years, children aged 0 to 12, the number of casualties caused by traffic accidents has been rising, according to the statistics of the Police Department's Daoan Information Network, the number of casualties of children under 12 years old in road traffic accidents has increased from 9219 in 107 to 9999 in 109, an increase of 8%. On average, about 28 children are injured or killed in traffic accidents every day; The number of deaths and injuries caused by traffic accidents accounted for 6% of the 165,249 births in 109. While it drops to 8,705 in 2021, an average of nearly 24 children die every day as a result of traffic accidents.

Figure 1 shows the statistics of casualties of children aged 0-12 in Taiwan in the past ten years, which can show the development of children's traffic accidents in Taiwan every year.

Figure 1 Statistical table of the number of deaths and injuries in the national calendar year for 0-12 years



Source: Daoan Information Inquiry Network

Minors aged 13-17 in Taiwan, the number of cases of death from traffic accidents every year is even more considerable, 15,349 in 106, 16,212 in 107, 16,760 in 108, 17,616 in 109, and 15,856 in 110, with an average of nearly 45 traffic accidents causing casualties every day in the past five years. For statistics on the number of people killed and injured in the past 13-17 years, please refer to Figure 2.

Figure 2 Statistical table of the number of deaths and injuries in the national calendar year for 13-17 years



Source: Daoan Information Inquiry Network

## Conclusions and recommendations

Statistics from the Taiwan Ministry of Communications Road Safety Information Inquiry Network show that from young children to primary schools, national middle schools to high schools, accidents caused by traffic accidents have broken 10,000 cases every year, and the

Ministry of Communications' revision of Article 140 of the Traffic Road Safety Rules will be responsible for the traffic guidance volunteers who are responsible for students going to and from school, not only will the traffic safety of students be affected, but also the life safety of traffic volunteers responsible for guiding students is threatened, therefore, it is recommended to amend the law so that volunteers who protect children's traffic safety can have traffic command rights. To safeguard the safety of children and volunteers.

**Theme: Establish a student traffic guide volunteer brigade to legally direct the personal safety of traffic guide students to and from class.**

## **Illustrate**

Because the number of traffic accidents caused by children going to and from school in Taiwan over the years is quite high, and the Ministry of Communications has excluded traffic volunteers who work hard every day to guide children to and from school, prohibiting them from conducting traffic guidance, on the grounds that they have not received professional traffic command training and are afraid of affecting traffic safety, so the law is revised to eliminate these traffic volunteers who work hard every day.

In early December 2021, the physical education teacher surnamed Liang of Fengxiang Guozhong in Kaohsiung was hit by a red light car while serving as a guide, and he is still unconscious. According to the statistics of the Ministry of Education, in the past three years, there have been 11 cases and 13 people in the traffic accidents that have occurred in the past three years, and they have ignored the risks they face while protecting the road safety of students.

For the numbers, signs, markings, etc. around the school, there is indeed a need to coordinate horizontally with all relevant units, such as the Education Bureau, the Traffic Bureau, the Police Department, etc., in order to reduce and reduce the personal safety of children, tutors and volunteers.

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For the hardware facilities around the school, such as signs, signs, markings, etc., there is indeed a need for re-examination and planning, but in addition to this hardware facility, the authorization of the law is

also important, the Taiwan traffic department will be responsible for traffic safety escorts from school to and from school, so that children are more unfavorable, therefore, it is recommended to set up a student traffic guidance volunteer brigade, and by the county and city police departments, according to the mode of unified training, to assist traffic guidance volunteers to have traffic command skills, and amend the regulations to comply with the law.