MOTOR CYCLE OPERATIONS AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN KENYA

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Background

- Motorcycles are widely used as a means of transport

- In 2008, the duty on motorcycles was waved making them cheaper.

- Youth and women empowerment funds

- Constituency Development Fund

- Politicians

- The number of motorcycles increased tremendously and so did traffic crashes involving them.
## Number of Motor cycles registered in the last one decade

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### Fatalities involving motorcycle riders from 2004 - 2014

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Challenges

- Poor and training
- Increased crashes and fatalities
- Enforcement

The above challenges created the need for regulations

The Government of Kenya gazetted regulation on the operation motorcycles

Highlights:-
- Riders must be trained before they ride
- Third party insurance
- Wear reflective jackets and helmets
- One passenger who must also wear reflective jacket and helmet
Regulations apportion Responsibility to:-

- the owner
- the rider and
- the passengers.
Owner - Must ensure the rider has a license
  - Motorcycle is insured

Rider - Valid rider license
  - Must wear helmet, reflective jacket
  - Carry only one passenger
  - Headlights are on at all times
  - Obey traffic rules, traffic lights, overtaking, and lane discipline

Passenger - Wear helmet and reflective jacket
  - Not accept being a second passenger