

## Irresponsibility is cause of accidents

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Speed and carelessness turn into a lethal combination, so drive with caution

Once more, a speeding minibus and a careless deed by a driver have resulted in carnage on the roads of the UAE. This time, seven people were killed on Sunday in a horrific accident near Lehabab on the Dubai-Al Ain highway.

All too often, the pages of Gulf News are filled with the death and destruction on our roads. And all too often, speed and carelessness turn into a lethal combination, with emergency services left to fill the body bags and track down traumatised relatives.

With close to 500 people killed on the roads of the UAE every year, the death rate is bordering on a national scourge and tragedy.

While more radar cameras, increased policing and stiffer fines go a long way towards lessening the carnage, the ultimate responsibility rests with each and every one of us.

When you get behind the wheel of a vehicle, you are taking your own life and those of others into your own hands. Every deed and every act has a consequence. If you choose to act responsibly, there is every chance you and others will arrive safely.

If you speed or act irresponsibly, you are putting every other road user around you at risk. It's your choice.

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