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Random Breath Testing

Random Breath Testing was introduced to Nauru on 1st May 2015 as an initiative of the Government to reduce deaths and trauma associated with motor vehicle accidents where alcohol is a contributing factor.

Section 70 of the Motor Traffic Act 2014, provides the Nauru Police Force with the authority to carry out Random Breath Testing.

The Act authorises a police officer to administer a random breath test to *any* person whom he finds driving or in charge of a motor vehicle.

Other persons may also be required to undergo a random breath test, such as a licenced driver occupying the seat next to a learner driver in addition to the learner driver, a person seated in a stationary vehicle attempting to put the vehicle in motion, or a person who has left the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

The prescribed limit of alcohol as set by the Motor Traffic Act is 0.05, and any person as defined in the Act exceeding the prescribed limit, that is to say, with a reading of 0.051 or greater, has committed an offence.

Any person, who refuses to undergo a breath test, or fails to undergo a breath test in accordance with the police officers instructions, commits an offence and may be arrested without warrant.

There are substantial penalties for exceeding the prescribed limit or for refusing or failing to undergo a random breath test, and includes suspension of drivers licence, fines, imprisonment and impounding of vehicles.

The Nauru Police Force looks forward to working with the community to reduce deaths and trauma associated with motor vehicle accidents. Our message to the community is this; Random Breath Testing can take place Anywhere, Anytime. If you drink, don't drive, If you drive, don't drink.