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## ABSTRACT

The study examined the factors leading to motorbike accidents in the Meru South District. It sought to find out how training, road network and drug abuse lead to increase of motorbike accidents in Meru South District. The study assumed that the number of motorbike accidents were on the increase due to reckless law enforcement unto motorcyclists and poor roads. The research was carried out among taxi motorcyclists in Meru South District, which was carried out in the month of August. The study used survey research design, a descriptive study of Meru South sought to describe problem context holistically. This is a way in which the researcher organized data and looked at the object of study as a whole. The study population was 100 people participating in the above mentioned area. This included the Motorcyclists, Traffic police officers and Medical practitioners. The research employed simple random sampling. This sampling design was used to achieve desired representation from the group in the population. The sample size of the study was 40 respondents of whom 30 were motorcyclists, 6 traffic police officers and 4 were medical practitioners in Chuka general hospital. Structured and unstructured questionnaires, interview schedules and observation guide were used in data collection. Raw data of the study was analyzed quantitatively and qualitatively to make deductions and inferences about the study. Frequency distribution tables, charts and graphs were used in the presentation of data. The research expounded on relevant policies to know implication on the welfare of motorcyclists. The study established that training and road network plays significant role to the increased number of motorbike accidents while drug abuse became daily activity among the motor cyclists. And the researcher recommends for proper enforcement of the necessary polices to be put in place and further research is recommended on the area of study.