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**The Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts) Regulations, 2004.**  
*(Under section 178(2) (g) of the Traffic and Road Safety Act,  
Cap 361)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for works, housing and communications by section 178(2)(g) of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, these Regulations are made this 28th day of May, 2004.

**1. Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts) Regulations, 2004.

**2. Interpretation**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Traffic and Road Safety Act;

“currency point” means an amount of money equivalent to twenty thousand Uganda shillings;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom functions under the Act are assigned;

“motor vehicle” means any self-propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the roads;

“safety belt” means a belt that is attached to a seat in a vehicle and which can be fastened around a passenger and a driver for safety purposes.

**3. Fitting and wearing of safety belts.**

(1) No motor vehicle shall be registered and licensed to carry passengers unless all the seats are fitted with safety belts as authorised by the Minister.

(2) Each safety belt, including its anchorage, fastenings and adjusting device shall be maintained free from any defect, which would adversely affect its performance as a restraining device.

(3) The driver and all passengers in a vehicle must wear safety belts at all times when the vehicle is moving, even where the vehicle is paused at traffic lights or stop points or stopped in a temporal traffic jam or in very slow moving traffic.

(4) Any person who contravenes subsection (3) of this regulation commits an offence.

#### **4. Offences and penaltie**

(1) A driver who commits an offence under these Regulations, is, on conviction, liable to a fine of not less than two currency points and not exceeding four currency points or imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both.

(2) A passenger, who commits an offence under these regulations, is, on conviction liable to a fine of one currency point or imprisonment not exceeding one month, or both.

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