

36 school children loaded into a minibus taxi (with heavily black-tinted windows) have been rescued by RTI: On the first day of the re-opening of schools, Duma affirms the Department's commitment to intensifying the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation as part of protecting innocent lives from reckless motorists

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Our highly dedicated and vigilant team from Road Traffic Inspectorate in Park Rynie has rescued 36 school children who were loaded into a minibus taxi with heavily black-tinted windows.

The taxi has been impounded, and the driver, who was not even carrying his driver's license, has been fined more than R2000.

Under the new AARTO point demerit system, a motorist who fails to carry a driver's license and drives a vehicle with a non-compliant tint incurs 2 demerit points.

RTI and Operation Shanela teams will be clamping down on motorists who are overloading children and try to evade law enforcement by using heavily black-tinted windows.

As guided by the National Road Traffic Act, our teams will remove from our road networks minibus taxis and other vehicles with heavily black-tinted windows.

All vehicle window tints must ensure that there is eye contact between RTI and the driver.

In this regard, we expect at least 35% of visible light to pass through on side windows and 70% on the front windshield.

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