

# LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES

## CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

298 Pick-ups and panel-vans account for a large proportion of traffic accidents. These accidents are usually the result of:

**(a) Excessive Speed**

When pick-ups and panel-vans are not laden with goods they can travel at higher speeds and as such the steering and braking mechanisms of these vehicles may respond differently; thus, when not handled carefully, skidding or accidents may result.

**(b) Carrying Passengers In A Dangerous Manner**

When passengers are conveyed on a pick-up, they must be properly seated. Standing passengers can cause the vehicle to be unstable and unbalanced especially when turning and going round bends. A sudden stop may result in passengers being thrown from the vehicle.

## SAFETY DEVICES

299 Owners of pick-ups and panel-vans are required by the law to have the following safety devices installed in their vehicles:

**(a) Speed Warning Device**

This device will give off a sound to warn the driver that the vehicle's speed has been exceeded.

**(b) Railings**

Pick-ups are required to install railings on both sides of the vehicle to secure goods.