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\*Eight people killed as taxi capsizes on D267 Road\*

Eight passengers lost their lives after a minibus overturned on D267 Road between Mayflower and Dundonald around 15h00 today.

Seven people perished at the scene while the eighth person passed on at the hospital. Ten passengers sustained moderate to serious injuries and they are currently receiving treatment at the nearby Embuleni Hospital in Elukwatini.

The deceased are reportedly learners who being transported to their respective homes from school.

It is not yet clear as to what caused the crash, but the probe is underway.

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Vusi Shongwe, is deeply saddened by this incident. He has thus called on motorists to obey the rules and drive with great caution.

"Motorists must use the road with due diligence to spare lives of innocent. What is also is that the deceased are all learners in whose hands our future lies," the MEC says.

He is also extending condolences to the bereaved families and is also wishing those who were injured a speedy recovery.

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