

**Parliament: On Average 57 Ambulances Involved In Accidents Yearly**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- On average, 57 accidents involving ambulances have been registered yearly for the past five years, the Dewan Rakyat heard Monday.

Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the total included minor and major accidents or fatal accidents.

"The statistics were compiled from 137 hospitals and 800 health clinics throughout the country managed by the Health Ministry. There are 1,402 ambulances in hospitals to provide facilities to patients," he told the Dewan Rakyat when answering a question from Datuk Ismail Abdul Mutallib (BN-Maran).

Ismail had wanted to know how many staff from the ministry and support staff were involved in accidents while on duty and steps taken by the ministry to reduce the risk.

Liow said ambulances were equipped with safety equipment in accordance with the specification of the said units.

He added that ambulance drivers were provided specific training to ensure they followed the guidelines while a medical officer from their respective hospitals would monitor their quality of driving and service.

"As for private ambulance services, they are provided a Standard Operating Procedure so that they can follow the government's system," he said.

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