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## RAF assists families of six who died

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FAMILIES of six people who died in a horrific accident on the N12 between Christiana and Bloemhof on Sunday have been assisted by the Road Accident Fund (RAF).

The accident occurred when a white VW Caramelle lost control and overturned. Five people died on the scene while another one died on the way to the hospital. The RAF said it has sent its condolences to families, friends and colleagues of those killed.

RAF acting regional general manager Oscar Mofhe said they also wanted to wish a speedy recovery to those injured.

"Road safety is the shared responsibility of all of us. The public, including the media, play an important role in this regard. We need to talk about road safety to our children, neighbours and communities as we are losing too many lives on our roads."

"Our team in the North West will work alongside the police to verify the cause of the accident as well as the identities of the deceased in order to begin providing the necessary support," he said.

Mofhe said RAF staff will meet families of the deceased to facilitate funeral arrangements while providing advice on other claims open to victims.

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