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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DEFACING OF PUBLIC ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Roads and Highways that public road infrastructure across the country is continuously being defaced with adverts and notices.

2. This usually occurs in the form of the installation of outdoor advertisement structures (billboards, signposts etc.) in the median and inappropriate locations at intersections of our road network, as well as posting notices on road signs, traffic signs and traffic controllers.
3. This practice is unacceptable and contravenes provisions of the Ghana Standards Authority's "Advertisement-Specification for Outdoor Signs" (GS 847:2019) in section 5, sections 11 and 15 of Act 540 and section 188 of LI 2180.
4. The practice results in the following:
  - a. Driver distractions
  - b. Devaluation of the road infrastructure and furniture
  - c. Poor aesthetics of the public realm
  - d. Misinformation to drivers.
5. The Ministry wishes to urge the Advertising Association of Ghana to enforce its code of conduct with respect to the installation of outdoor advertisement structures.
6. The Ministry hereby encourages all Assemblies to consult the Road Agencies at the regional level before issuing permits for adverts and notices along road corridors.
7. The Ministry also wishes to call on the Ghana Police Service to ensure the enforcement of the LI 2180 in order to protect and preserve our road infrastructure.

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