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Southern Regional Health Authority Urges Caution Among Jamaicans Doing Pranks

The Southern Regional Health Authority is urging people to be careful when doing pranks, which could result in medical interventions.

The call comes against the background of a recent incident where a couple carried out a prank, resulting in the young man hands being glued to the steering wheel of his car. He required medical intervention and several hospital staff members attended to the situation.

The health system is already facing immense pressure and pranks like these, which result in medical emergencies place additional burden on the staff members and the health sector resources.

These pranks can also put others in danger, resulting in serious incidents and accidents.

The SRHA is also appealing to people to cease from videoing healthcare workers and clients in public health spaces without their consent, which is unlawful. This was also done as part of the prank and uploaded to social media.

While pranks can be enjoyable and harmless, they should not be conducted in a way that violate laws and regulations or cause distress and endanger the safety of others.

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