

Police are searching for a truck driver who fled the scene of a crash in Karongi District that killed six people and injured six others on Friday, September 11.

The accident happened at about 2:30pm in Bwishyuhura Sector when a truck travelling towards Karongi collided with a coaster heading in the opposite direction, according to Emmanuel Kayigi, spokesperson for the Traffic Police.

Kayigi said the truck was trying to manoeuvre around a corner while passing another vehicle when it collided with the coaster. Both vehicles then went off the road.

“Six people died at the scene, while six others, including the coaster driver, were injured and taken to Kibuye Hospital for treatment,” Kayigi told The New Times.

All six people who died were passengers in the coaster, he added.

The truck driver fled immediately after the crash, and police are working to locate and arrest him.

Kayigi urged motorists to exercise caution and avoid taking unnecessary risks on the road.

“Everyone using the road should pay attention, avoid making bad decisions and follow road safety rules because they are meant to protect lives, not simply to avoid penalties,” he said.