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**Warning:** The sign at the Bukit Kiara Park shows the maximum number of people allowed on the bridge at any time.

# Keeping the bridges safe

## Suspension bridges in the Klang Valley come complete with warning signs

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**T**RAGEDY struck on Monday when 22 students fell into Sungai Kampar in Perak when the suspension bridge they were crossing collapsed.

There are several suspension bridges in the Klang Valley and some of them had warning signs at the entrance of the bridge to show the maximum number of people allowed.

At the Bukit Kiara Park in Taman Tun Dr

Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, a suspension bridge makes up part of the running track around the park.

There is a warning sign to inform people that there should not be more than 25 people on the bridge at any one time and the maximum load is 2,000kg.

Another suspension bridge which is a popular attraction is the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) 200m canopy walk.

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FRIM corporate management head Norhayati Nordin said there were guides at the entrance of the bridge to make sure visitors followed the rules.

"We also have a limit of 250 people a day so as not to overload the bridge.

"Some people come on weekends and end up disappointed but the main emphasis is on safety," she said.

Norhayati added that the bridge would be closed when it rained.

She said they also advised people not to

jump on the bridge and hold on to the rope railings but people sometimes get excited and did not follow instructions.

The walk has three platforms, and a maximum of four adults are allowed at one time on the first and last platforms, while the middle section can hold up to eight adults at one time.

Maintenance work is carried out at least once a year to check the cables and wooden blocks and during this period, the bridge would be closed for at least a month.