

# Fact Sheets & Statistics on Road Safety

## Cycling Safety in Australia

### Key Facts

- **Cyclist Fatalities:** On average, 45 cyclists lose their lives on Australian roads annually (BITRE, 2023).
- **Cycling Injuries:** Over 8,500 cyclists sustain injuries each year due to collisions, many resulting in long-term disabilities (BITRE, 2023).
- **High-Risk Factors:**
  - Approximately 60% of cycling fatalities occur in urban areas (Australian Transport Safety Bureau, 2022).
  - Intersections account for nearly 40% of all cycling incidents (Transport for NSW, 2022).
  - Lack of dedicated cycling infrastructure significantly increases risk, with protected infrastructure reducing collisions by up to 90% (Monash University Accident Research Centre, 2021).

### Vulnerable Groups

- Children and elderly cyclists experience disproportionately high rates of injury and fatality (Queensland University of Technology, 2021).

## Driver Responsibility

- Approximately 80% of collisions between motorists and cyclists involve a driver fault or violation, including failure to yield, speeding, or driver distraction (Centre for Accident Research & Road Safety – Queensland, 2020).

## "A Metre Matters" Legislation

### Overview

"A Metre Matters" mandates a minimum passing distance of:

- 1 metre in speed zones of 60 km/h or lower.
- 1.5 metres in zones exceeding 60 km/h.

### Impact Analysis

- States implementing "A Metre Matters" have reported reduced collision rates between cyclists and motorists (University of Adelaide, Centre for Automotive Safety Research, 2022).

- Public awareness campaigns linked to the legislation have significantly improved driver awareness and behaviour towards cyclists (Transport Accident Commission, 2022).

## Research Highlights

### Visibility and Infrastructure

- Enhanced visibility measures, such as mandatory rear lights and reflective clothing, significantly reduce collision rates (CARRS-Q, 2021).
- Dedicated and protected cycling infrastructure dramatically reduces cycling injuries and fatalities (Infrastructure Australia, 2022).

### Behavioural Insights

- Driver violations such as speeding, failing to yield, and distraction remain significant contributors to cycling-related incidents (Transport for NSW, Road Safety Report, 2021).
- Educational campaigns targeting behavioural change in motorists and cyclists significantly reduce road trauma (Victorian Transport Accident Commission, 2021).

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