



Road Safety Awareness

Causes of crashes / accidents

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- ▶ The weather.
- ▶ The road.
- ▶ The vehicle or other equipment.
- ▶ Human behaviour.



The Weather



The Road



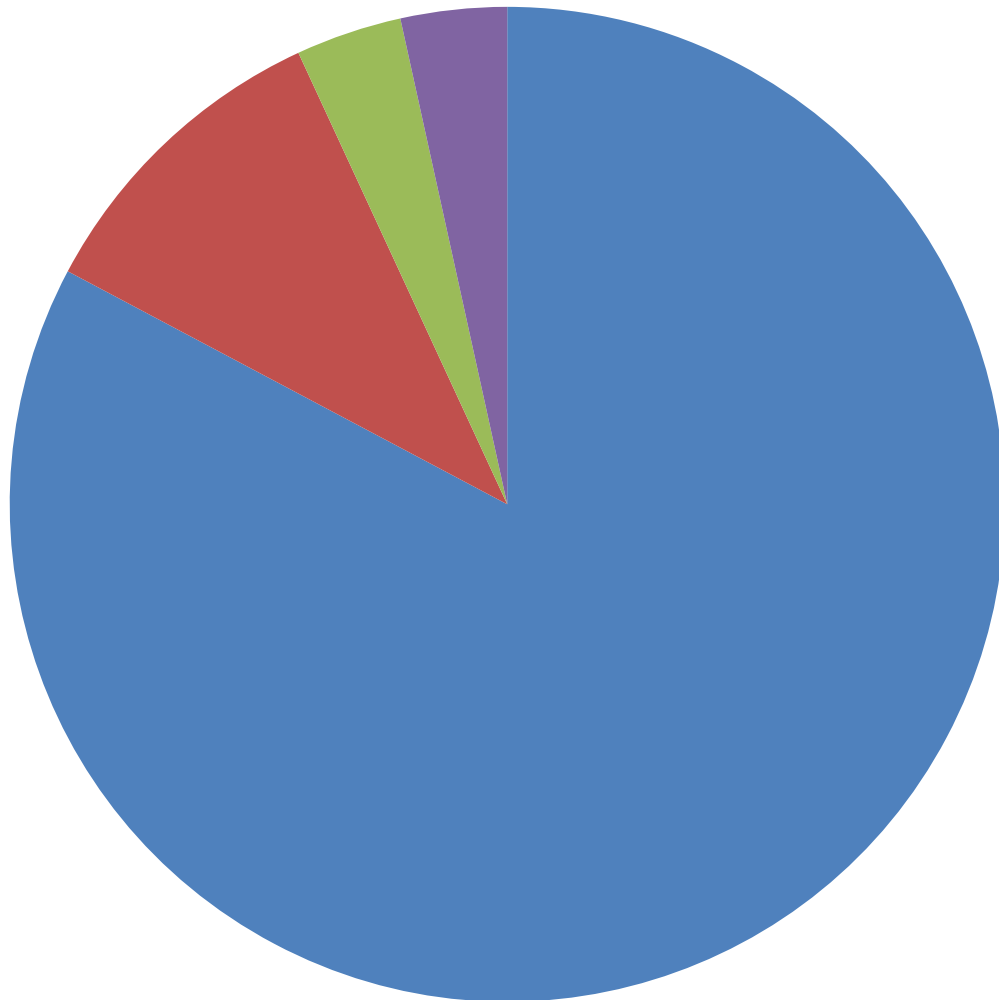
Vehicle or equipment



Human behaviour



Causes of cycle crashes / accidents



3% The weather

4% Vehicle / equipment

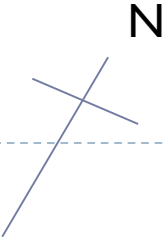
10% The road

83% Human behaviour

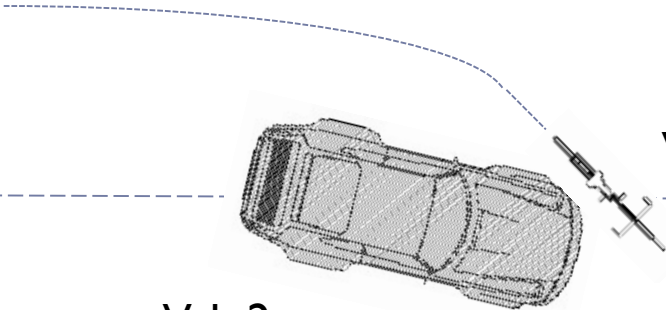


Simon's crash





La Grande Route



Veh 1 Blue cycle

Veh 2
Red car

Simon's Estate



Simon (the cyclist aged 10 years old)

- ▶ I was with John playing during the afternoon. It was getting late and I had to get home for 5 o'clock. I went down the main road to get home as quickly as possible.
- ▶ As I turned to go into my Estate and I was knocked over. I didn't see the car at all.



Alison (the driver of the car)

- ▶ The young boy on the cycle was travelling very slowly. I checked my mirrors and started to accelerate in order to overtake, when he suddenly moved to his right into my path.
 - ▶ He didn't look, he didn't signal.
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- ▶

David (witness walking along the pavement)

- ▶ The red car started to overtake when the cycle suddenly went across the road. He didn't make any form of signal. The car wasn't travelling very fast.
 - ▶ I ran over to help. He was very lucky that he wasn't badly hurt. I saw his cycle helmet tied onto to the cycle handle bars.
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June (Simon's Mum).

- ▶ Simon got his cycle for his birthday. He was allowed to use it on the Estate and on the small lane at the back of the house.
 - ▶ He was told he couldn't use it on the main road until he had passed the Cycling Proficiency Course. He was also told he must always wear his cycle helmet.
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Choices

- ▶ **What choices did Simon make ?**



Simon's Choices

- ▶ 1. Chose to take his cycle with him.
- ▶ 2. Chose to ignore his parents and ride on the main road.
- ▶ 3. Chose to end up running late, so he had to ride home.
- ▶ 4. Chose not to ring home to say he'd be a little late.
- ▶ 5. Chose not to look behind before he turned right.
- ▶ 6. Chose not to signal his intention to turn right.
- ▶ 7. Chose not to wear his cycle helmet on his head.





Choices

- ▶ What choices were made by other people ?



Other choices that were made

- ▶ 1. Parents chose to trust Simon not to take the cycle on the main road.
- ▶ 2. Alison (the driver) chose to try and overtake.
- ▶ 3. David (the witness) chose to run over to help.

