

Road Safety Engineering

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Topics for Discussion

- > EU RISM Directive (Directive 2008/96/EC)
 - S.I. No. 472 of 2011
- Road Safety Management Procedures for National Roads in Ireland
 - NRA HD 15/12 Network Safety Ranking
 - NRA HD 16/12 Temporary Safety Measures Inspection
 - NRA HD 17/12 Road Safety Inspection
 - NRA HD 18/12 Road Safety Impact Assessment
 - NRA HD 19/12 Road Safety Audit





Road Safety in Ireland

- > 1924 recording of traffic accident statistics
- ➤ 1929 recording system expanded and improved. This scheme was implemented through the Garda Síochána, Routine Order A. 33 which became effective on Jan 1st, 1930. A specially designed form – A.58 or A.59 had to be completed in respect of all accidents reported to the Garda Síochána
- ➤ 1933 the passing of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, gave a new impetus to the recording of road traffic accidents insofar as Section 173 made it mandatory for drivers of mechanically propelled vehicles which had been involved in a traffic accident to report such an occurrence to the Garda Síochána. Report forms A.58 and A.59 were changed and renumbered C(T) 35 and C(T) 36 respectively
- > 1936 Garda Síochána produced a detailed annual "Return of Traffic Accidents"
- > 1959 C(T) 36 dropped, reporting and analysis of Mat Damage 'Only' discontinued
- > 1961 Major Changes C(T) 61 created, CSO introduced a mechanised processing procedure.



Road Safety in Ireland

- 1965 An Foras Forbartha invited Dr. R. J. Smeed, then, Deputy Director of the Road Research Laboratory to undertake a survey and investigation of road safety in Ireland.
- Within "Traffic Accident Reporting Criteria of Principal Users in Illinois. 1965" there are Five distinct, basic purposes of traffic accident records were identified these are:-
 - To have knowledge of traffic accidents as a cause of mortality, morbidity and economic loss
 - (ii) To point out where, when and to whom, traffic accidents are a critical problem
 - (iii) To suggest lines of preventive action to be taken
 - (iv) To measure the effect of accident-prevention efforts and
 - (v) To determine negligence or fault.
- > 1968 C(T) 68 introduced, Road Safety Records Bureau
- 1994 C(T) 68 minor updates
- 2001 C(T) 68 replaced with PC 16 Form
- 2013 Update to the Pulse System to include Pictograms



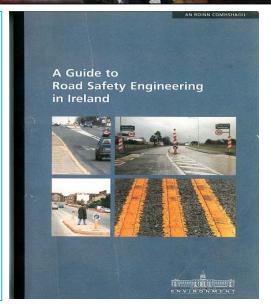


What is a collision



DoE (Department of the Environment), A Guide to Road Safety Engineering in Ireland, 1996

In a Guide to Road Safety Engineering in Ireland published in 1996, it gave two definitions', the first definition is that used by the RSA, the second defines a road collision is a rare, random, multi-factor event preceded by a situation in which one or more road users have failed to cope with their environment.





Collision Types

Fatal Collision

Where at least one person is killed as a result of the collision and death occurs within 30 days.

Serious Collision

Is an injury for which the person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient', or any of the following injuries whether or not detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushing, severe cuts and lacerations, severe general shock requiring medical treatment.

Minor Collision

Where there are no deaths or serious injuries. A 'minor injury' is an injury of a minor character such as a sprain or bruise.

Material Damage

Where there are no deaths or injuries. A collision is a 'material damage collision' if damage is caused to a vehicle or property.

RSA proposes to explore how an international definition of a serious injury can be agreed and how a medical categorisation (rather than a police categorisation) can be arrived at.



EU Road Safety Infrastructure Management (2008/96/EC)

- Directive requires the establishment and implementation of procedures relating to:
 - Safety Ranking & Management of the road network in operation
 - Road Safety Inspection
 - Road Safety Impact Assessments
 - Road Safety Audit & Training Requirements
 - Also includes:
 - Best Practice Exchange
 - Data Management requirements
 - Adoption of Guidelines.
- Directive adopted on the 19th November 2008
- Came into force 19th December 2010



S.I. No. 472 of 2011

- > S.I. No. 472 signed on the 21st of September 2011
- Regulations only apply to roads in the State which are part of the Trans-European road network (TERN)





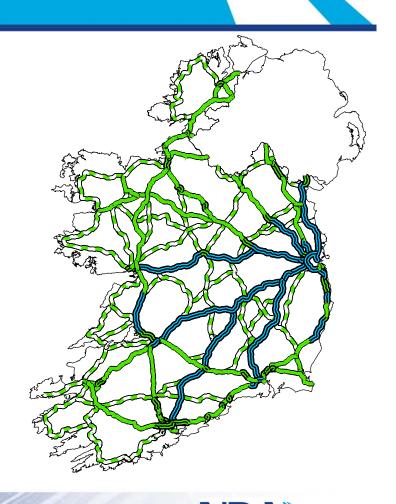
How does this effect us?

Legacy Road Network

Network Safety Ranking

Road Safety Inspections





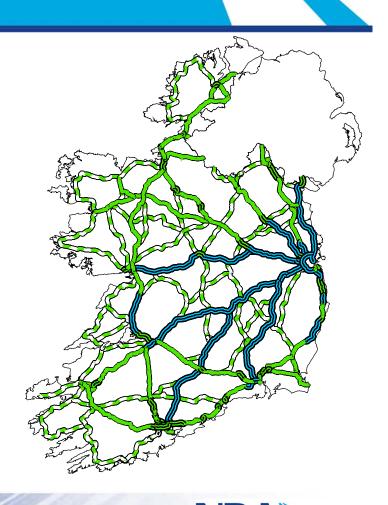


How does this effect us?

Designed Network

Road Safety Impact Assessments Road Safety Audits







HD 15 Network Safety Ranking

Article 5: Safety Ranking and management of the road network in operation

1). Member States shall ensure that the ranking of high accident concentration sections and the network safety ranking are carried out on the basis of reviews, at least every three years, of the

operation of the road network

2). Member States shall ensure that road sections showing higher priority according to the results of the ranking of high accident concentration sections and from network safety ranking are evaluated by expert teams by means of site visits guided by the elements referred to in point 3 of Annex III. At least one member of the expert team shall meet the requirements set out in Article 9(4)(a).





HD 15 Network Safety Ranking who does it?

Article 5: Safety Ranking and management of the road network in operation

Article 9(4)(a).

they have relevant experience or training in road design, road safety engineering and accident analysis S.I. No. 472.

(a) appoint expert teams, comprising at least one member with relevant experience or training in road design, road safety engineering and accident analysis, to evaluate the said sections by means of site visits guided by the elements referred to in point 3 of Annex III to the Directive;

HD 15 Network Safety Ranking – Site Assessment Qualifications

3.1 Assessment Team Member (ATM). (Post Dec 2013)

At least one member of the Assessment Team will be a Chartered Engineer or equivalent with seven years post graduate experience with a minimum of five years in the design and construction of road projects and /or Road Safety Schemes, and will have two or more years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures.

They will have taken part in ten road safety audits as a Team Member.

They will hold a Certificate of Competence in Road Safety Audit.



HD 15 Network Safety Ranking Definitions

- Objective of the Standard
- Ranking of high collision concentration sections
- Network Safety Ranking
- Reference Populations
- Collision Frequency
- Collision Rates
- Potential for Improvement
- High Concentration of Collisions



HD 15 Network Safety Ranking

- Roads to be Inspected
- Exemption
- Review Periods



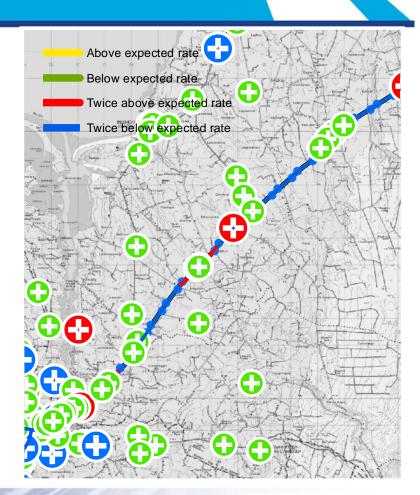
HD 15 Network Safety Ranking Multi-Stage Process

- Initial Desktop Study
- Detailed Desktop Study
- Site Assessment
- Define the Problem
- Measures to Resolve the Problem
- Prioritise the Schemes on the Network



Initial Desktop Study

- Divide the Network into the R.P.
- Divide the R.P into 1km Segments
- Assign the collision data to each segment
- Assign the AADT to each Segment



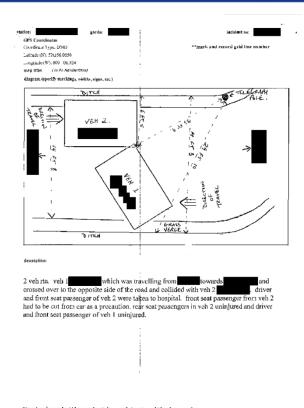


Detailed Desktop Study?



Detailed Desktop Study

Accuracy of the Data



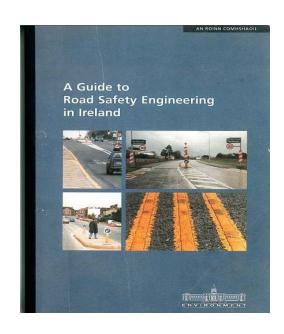


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Site Visit

- Site Visit
- Defining the Problem
 - Chapter 5.5 Single Site Study 1
 - Chapter 5.6 Single Site Study 2
- Measures to Resolve the Problem
- Prioritising the Schemes on the Network





HD 17 Road Safety Inspections

Article 6: Safety Inspections

- 1). Member States shall ensure that safety inspections are undertaken in respect of the roads in operation in order to identify the road safety related features and prevent accidents.
- 2). Safety inspections shall comprise periodic inspections of the road network and surveys on the possible impact of roadworks on the safety of the traffic flow.
- 3). Member States shall ensure that periodic inspections are undertaken by the competent entity. Such inspections shall be sufficiently frequent to safeguard adequate safety levels for the road infrastructure in question.





HD 17 Road Safety Inspection What is it?

Article 6: Road Safety Inspection

Def 7. "safety inspection" means an ordinary periodical verification of the characteristics and defects that require maintenance work for reasons of safety;

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HD 17 Road Safety Inspection – Inspection Team Qualifications

3.1 Inspection Team Leader (ITL)

An Inspection Team Leader will be a Chartered Engineer or equivalent.

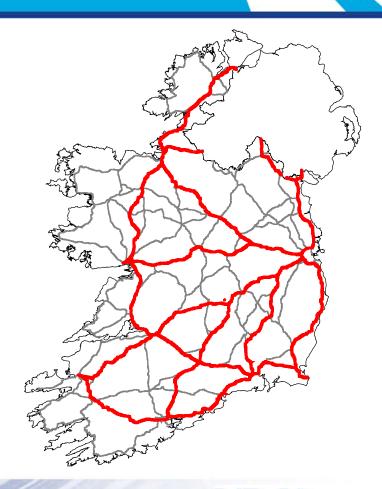
They will have ten years post graduate experience with a minimum of seven years in the design and construction of Road Projects and /or Road Safety Schemes and will have two or more years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures. They will have taken part in ten road safety audits as team member, and will have a Certificate of Competence in Road Safety Audit.

3.2 Inspection Team Member (ITM)

An Inspection Team Member will have seven years post graduate experience with a minimum of five years in the design and construction of Road Projects and or Road Safety Schemes, and will have two or more years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures. They will have taken part as a trainee in five road safety audits, and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

HD 17 Road Safety Inspections Definitions

- Objective of the Standard
- Road Safety Inspection
- Inspection Team
- Inspection Brief
- Roads to be Inspected & Inspection Frequency
- Scope of the Inspection





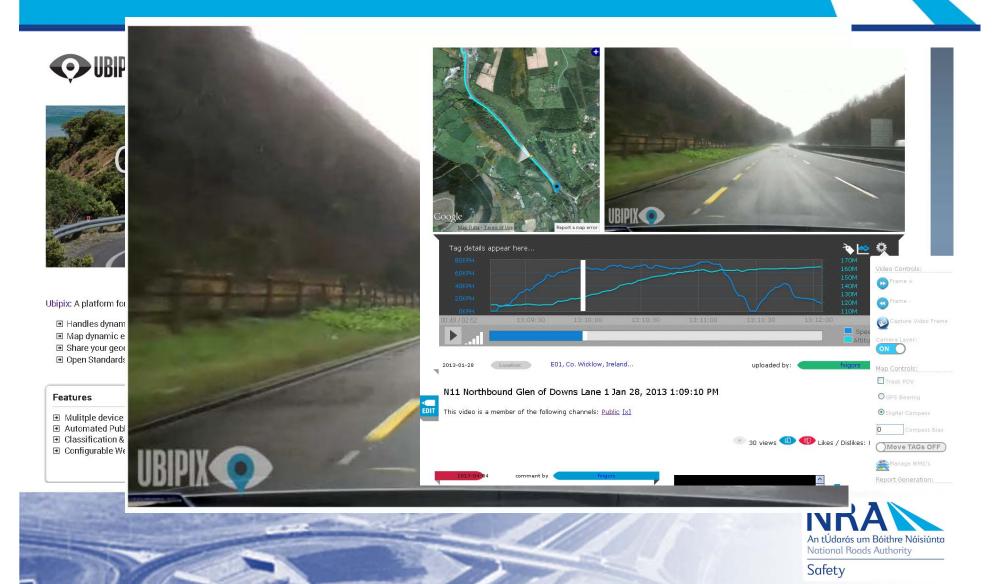
HD 17 Road Safety Inspection Inspection Process

- NRA prepares an Inspection Brief
- Inspection team completes a Desktop Study
 - Review of Route information & Collision Trends
 - Inspect the Route, Both directions, day and night
 - Identify Hazards, (image and text)
 - Describe the Hazard
 - Assign an Associated Risk Rating

Risk R	ation	Likelihood of Occurrence						
NISK N	aung	Likely	Possible	Unlikely				
Severity	Severe	High	High	Medium				
of	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low				
Outcome	Minor	Medium	Low	Low				



Data Capture



HD 17 Road Safety Inspection

Approx_AADT_2007	NRA_Site_ID	Hazard_ID	Element	Location_Desc	Field_Notes_1	Problem	Severity	Likelihood	Risk
4147	NO5RN_XXXXX	N05RN_XXXXX	S	XXXX southbound approach to the N05	Vertical barrier terminal	A vertical safety barrier terminal has been provided following the removal of upstream barrier section. Should an errant vehicle strike the barrier terminal it may result in an increased collision severity for vehicle occupants.	S	P	Н
5040	N05RN_XXXXX	N05RN_XXXXX	S	Side road approach to the N05	obscured by	Visibility to the right for drivers entering the N05 is inhibited by the boundary wall. Potential inappropriate vehicular movements and conflicts with through traffic.	S	Р	Н





HD 18 Road Safety Impact Assessments

Article 3: Road safety impact assessment for infrastructure projects

- 1). Member States shall ensure that a road safety impact assessment is carried out for all infrastructure projects.
- 2). The road safety impact assessment shall be carried out at the initial planning stage before the infrastructure project is approved. In that connection, Member States shall endeavour to meet the criteria set out in Annex I.
- 3). The road safety impact assessment shall indicate the road safety considerations which contribute to the choice of the proposed solution. It shall further provide all relevant information necessary for a cost-benefit analysis of the different options assessed.





HD 18 Road Safety Impact Assessment

Article 3: Road safety impact assessment for infrastructure projects

Def 3. "road safety impact assessment" means a strategic comparative analysis of the impact of a new road or a substantial modification to the existing network on the safety performance of the road network; S.I. No. 472.

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HD 18 Road Safety Impact Assessment – Impact Assessment Team Qualifications

The Impact Assessment Team will consist of a minimum of two persons, one with Road Design experience and one with Road Safety Auditing experience.

2.1 Road Design Engineer (RDE)

A Road Design Engineer will have a recognised University degree to Level 8 or equivalent, they will have seven years post graduate experience with a minimum of five years in road design and /or road safety schemes.

2.2 Road Safety Auditor (RSA)

A Road Safety Auditor will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer. They will have taken part as trainee in five road safety audits, and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.



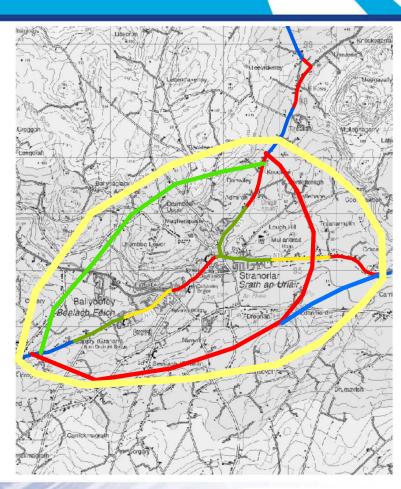
HD 18 Road Safety Impact Assessment - Definitions

- Objective of the Standard
- Road Schemes
- Scope of the Impact Assessment
- Stage of the Impact Assessment



Impact Assessment Elements

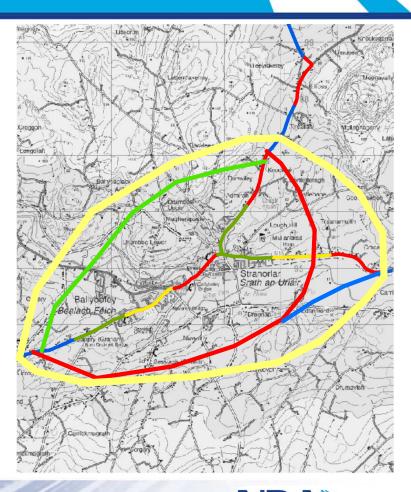
- Problem Def, Objectives
- Existing COBA
- Collision Data and Analysis
- Traffic Surveys, incl VRU's
- Existing Road Network
- Amenities and centres of activity
- Previous Road Safety Reviews





Impact Assessment Elements

- > Assess the
 - Do Nothing
 - Do Minimum
 - Alternatives considered





HD 19 Road Safety Audits

Article 4: Road safety audits for infrastructure projects

- 1). Member States shall ensure that road safety audits are carried out for all infrastructure projects.
- 2). The auditor shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article 9(4) and shall have the necessary competence and training provided for in Article 9. Where audits are undertaken by teams, at least one member of the team shall hold a certificate of competence as referred to in Article 9(3)...
- 3). Road safety audits shall form an integral part of the design process of the infrastructure project at the stage of draft design, detailed design, pre-opening and early operation.





HD 19 Road Safety Audit

Article 4: Road safety audits for infrastructure projects

Def 4. "road safety audit" means an independent detailed systematic and technical safety check relating to the design characteristics of a road infrastructure project and covering all stages from planning to early operation;

- S.I. No. 472. A road safety auditor shall—
- (a) have relevant experience or training in road design, road safety engineering and accident analysis,
- (b) from 19 December 2013, be in possession of a valid certificate of competence

HD 19 Road Safety Audit – Audit Team Qualifications

3.1 Audit Team Leader (ATL)

An Audit Team Leader will be a Chartered Engineer or equivalent with at least two years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures, will have a Certificate of Competence in Road Safety Audit and will have taken part in ten road safety audits as team member, An Audit Team Leader will have completed as team member at least two audits of a similar stage and scheme type to that for which approval is being sought. They will also have done at least five road safety audits within the preceding three years.

3.2 Audit Team Member (ATM)

An Audit Team Member will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer. They will have taken part as trainee in five road safety audits and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

HD 19 Road Safety Audits Stages

Audit Stages

- Stage F
- Stage 1
- Stage 2
- Stage 3
- Stage 4

Type and Complexity of Scheme		Stage									
Type and completely of scheme	F	1	2	1/2	3	4					
Major Scheme	X	X	X	-	X	X					
Minor Improvement Scheme #	-	X	X	(X)	X	-					
Major Development +	X	X	X	-	X	-					
Minor Development	-	-	-	X	X	-					
Junction / Traffic Scheme	-	X	X	(X)	X	-					
Planned diversions *	-	-	-	X	X	-					

[#] See NRA TA 85/11.



⁺ Meets criteria in NRA Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines Table 2.2

^{*}For planned diversions of significant impact, associated with NRA Major Road projects See paragraph 2.2.

HD 19 Road Safety Audit Process

- Appointment of the Audit Team
- Audit Brief
- Site Visits
- Audit Report
- Feedback form

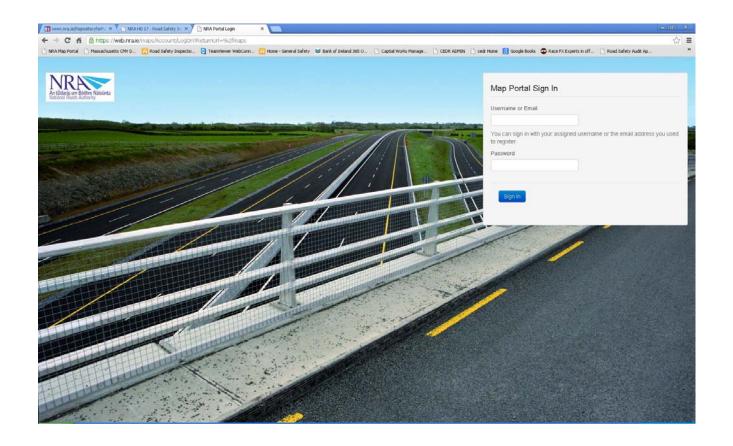
Problem accepted	Recommended measure accepted	Alternative measures or reasons accepted by auditors	Exception report needed
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No	No	No	YES



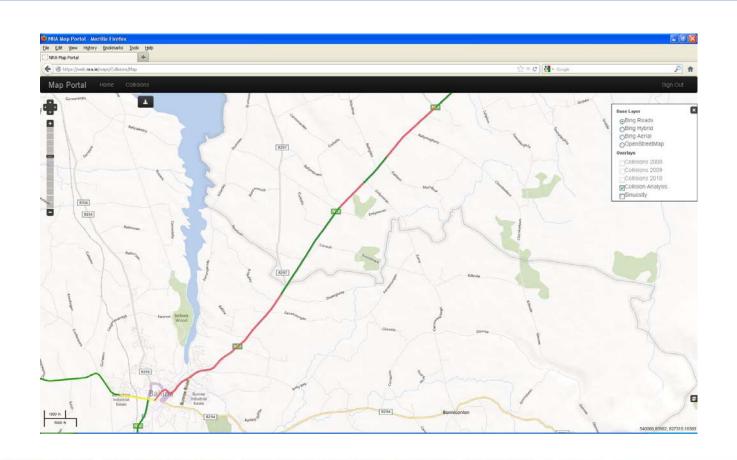
HD 19 Road Safety Audit

- Exception Report
- Final Audit Report

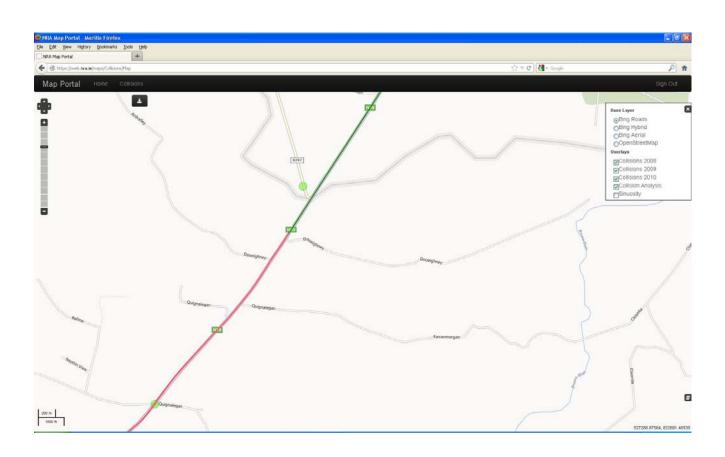














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3	08/10/2008	20:50		2		Dk Unlit	Dry	Dry	Unk	Stt	N Mrk	No					,0,	0.000	P. Car	M,30,N	P.	,0,
)	16/06/2008	20:45		1		Dy Gvis	Dry	Dry	Unk	Bnd	C Cline	Unk		svo	WI / Gt		,0,		P. Car	M,22,F		,0,
)	28/03/2008	17:15		2		Dy Gvis	Wet	Wet	Unk	Stt	C Cline	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		Re St			,0,		Van	,22,M	P. Car	,0,
1	29/03/2008	17:45		2		Dy Gvis	Dry	Wet	Unk	Oth		Yes		Hd On			.0.		P. Car	F,67,S	P. Car	,0,N



	Co	Illisions hy	Type and Ye	ear .	
Year	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Total	% of Total
2007	0	0	0	0	0%
2008	16	8	75	99	100%
2009	0	0	0	0	0%
2010	0	0	0	0	0%
2011	0	0	0	0	0%
2012	0	0	0	0	0%
2013	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	16	8	75	99	
% of Total	16%	8%	76%		
	Cas	sualities by	Type and Y	ear	
Year	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Total	% of Total
2007	0	0	0	0	0%
2008	16	10	113	139	100%
2009	0	0	0	0	0%
2010	0	0	0	0	0%
2011	0	0	0	0	0%
2012	0	0	0	0	0%
2013	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	16	10	113	139	
% of Total	12%	7%	81%		
			Type and D		
Weekday	Fatal	Serious	Minor	Number	%
Sunday	2	1	8	11	11%
Monday	5	2	8	15	15%
Tuesday	4	0	7	11	11%
Wednesda	2	2	15	19	19%
Thursday	1	1	13	15	15%
Friday	2	0	11	13	13%
Saturday	0	2	13	15	15%

Light Cor		. 0/										
Description	Number	Loc %										
Day Good Visibility	61	64%										
Day Poor Visibility	4	4%										
Dark Good Lighting	9	9%										
Dark Poor Lighting	5	5%										
Dark Unlit	2	2%										
Dark No Lighting	15	16%										
Weather C	Weather Conditions											
Dry	68	71%										
Wet	23	24%										
Frost / Ice	3	3%										
Snow	0	0%										
Fog / Mist	0	0%										
High Winds	0	0%										
Other	0	0%										
Unknown	2	2%										
Surface Co	onditions											
Dry	57	59%										
Wet	34	35%										
Frost / Ice	4	4%										
Snow	0	0%										
Other	2	2%										
Road Ch	aracter											
Straight	56	64%										
Bend	23	26%										
Hillcrest	2	2%										
Some Gradient	3	3%										
Other	3	3%										
Skidding Occurred												
Yes	16	29%										
No	39	71%										

Primary Collision Type									
Description	Number	Loc %							
Pedestrian	17	20%							
Single Vehicle	29	35%							
Head - on - Conflict	12	14%							
Head - on - Right turn	6	7%							
Angle both straight	2	2%							
Angle right turn	3	4%							
Rear - end straight	13	15%							
Rear - end right turn	1	1%							
Rear - end left turn	1	1%							
Single Vehicle	Collided With	1							
Bollard / Island	0	0%							
Parked Car	0	0%							
Parked Truck	0	0%							
Parked Skip	0	0%							
Pole	1	2%							
Tree	2	4%							
Animal	1	2%							
Wall / Gate	5	11%							
Ditch	12	26%							
Other	25	54%							
Contributo	ry Factors								
Layout	2	67%							
Skid Risistance	1	33%							
Road Signs	0	0%							
Lighting	0	0%							
Surface Evenness	0	0%							
Road Markings	0	0%							
Sight Distance	0	0%							
Crossfall/Camber	0	0%							
Traffic Signs	0	0%							



Description	tributory Acti	Driver 2	% of Total
Drove through stop/yield	0	1	9%
Exceeded safe speed limit	2	0	18%
Went to wrong side of road	2	3	45%
Improper overtaking	0	0	0%
Drove through traffic signal	0	0	0%
Failed to signal	0	0	0%
Other Action	3	0	27%
Driv	ver Action		
Description	Driver 1	Driver 2	
Exiting / Entering	0	4	4%
Attempting to Overtake	2	1	3%
Turning right	4	7	10%
Turning left	1	2	3%
Reversing	2	0	2%
Chaining lanes	0	0	0%
Taking Avoidance action	8	4	11%
Other	52	22	68%
Pedes	trian Action		
Description	Ped 1	Ped 2	
Xing mask by pk Vehicle	1	0	6%
Otherwise crossing	8	1	50%
Walking with traffic	0	0	0%
Walking against traffic	1	0	6%
Standing in Road	1	0	6%
Playing in Road	0	0	0%
Lying in Road	0	0	0%
Other	6	0	33%

Junction	1 Туре	
T Junction	12	60%
Cross Roads	6	30%
Y Junction	1	5%
Roundabout	0	0%
Complex Junction	1	5%
Junction Cor	ntrolled by	
Traffic Signals	0	0%
Stop Sign	7	44%
Yield Sign	1	6%
Road Marking Only	1	6%
Roundabout	0	0%
Pedestrian Crossing	1	6%
Within 50ft of Ped X	0	0%
No Control	6	38%
Other	0	0%

Vahiala Tura										
	Vehicle T									
Туре	Veh 1	Veh 2	%							
P. Cycle	4	2	4%							
M. Cycle	5	2	5%							
P. Car	73	36	78%							
Van	6	4	32%							
Taxi	1	0	5%							
Hackney	0	0	0%							
P.S.V. Mini	1	2	15%							
P.S.V. Bus	1	1	12%							
L.G.V	0	0	0%							
H.G.V	3	1	27%							
Truck	1	0	9%							
Artic	1	2	30%							
Artic C	0	1	14%							
Other	3	3	100%							
Total	99	54								

Age Profile								
Age	Veh	Veh 2	Ped 1	Ped 2	%			
< 25	26	10	5	0	32%			
25 - 35	20	5	4	2	24%			
35 - 45	15	3	2	0	16%			
45 - 55	11	3	1	0	12%			
55 - 65	5	0	1	0	5%			
65 - 75	5	1	2	0	6%			
> 75	4	0	2	0	5%			
Total	86	22	17	2				

Gender Profile									
Gender	Veh	Veh 2		Ped 1	Ped 2	%			
Male	62		11	8	1	62%			
Female	30		12	8	1	38%			
Total	92		23	16	2				





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THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS??

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