

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Cycle Helmet Wearers – accident statistics

What are the accident statistics for the last 10 years in relation to accidents involving push bikes, particularly in comparative terms between those persons wearing helmets and those not wearing helmets?

ANSWER

Recorded statistics from 1988 to 1998 show a total of 974 accidents involving pushbikes were recorded¹. Approximately 22% of the recorded accidents involving pushbikes involved persons who were wearing helmets compared to approximately 25% where helmets were not worn. In approximately 33% of the accidents it was not known or recorded if helmets were worn and a further 20% of the statistics were recorded as not applicable (usually an adult not required to wear a helmet).

¹Source: Transport and Works Vehicle Crash Data: Vehicle Type Bicycles for the years 1981 to 1998.