

**Request for the Government to step up regulation on the equipment compliance of bicycles on roads and the wearing of protective gear by cyclists**

Reply From Hong Kong Police Force :

The Police always attach great importance to cycling safety. The traffic in Central and Western District is generally very heavy, with narrow and crowded roads. On-street loading and unloading activities are frequent, with large vehicles and buses passing by and needing to stop temporarily. Owing to road safety considerations, the Police do not encourage the public to use bicycles as a mode of transport in high traffic areas. By staying abreast of and analyzing the data and circumstances of cycling accidents, the Police formulate appropriate enhancement measures and put effort into stepping up publicity and public education.

In 2023, a total of 97 traffic accidents with person injury involving bicycles were recorded in Hong Kong Island, of which 81 were slight injuries and 16 serious ones. In the same year, Hong Kong Island saw 105 prosecutions and issued one verbal warning against cyclist offenders. The Police do not have a breakdown of statistics specifically for Central and Western District.

The Police will sustain their efforts in enhancing the safety awareness of road users through publicity, education and enforcement work. The Transport Department has been collaborating with the Road Safety Council and the Police in launching various publicity and educational activities with a view to promoting road safety to all road users (including cyclists). Examples include publishing and distributing the Road Safety Bulletins and publicity publications, organising road safety seminars for food delivery platforms, affixing full-height publicity posters to traffic signal controllers, making and telecasting publicity video clips on the Internet, disseminating cycling safety information through social media platforms and so forth, so that cyclists understand road safety matters that require their attention, including following the traffic rules at all times and wearing personal protective gear (such as safety helmets).

In fact, cycling safety is one of the “Selected Traffic Enforcement Priorities” (STEP) of the Police. The Police will continue to take action against cycling offences, including reckless and careless cycling, and enforce the mandatory requirements for cycling equipment under the law to ensure the safety of cyclists

and other road users. Meanwhile, the Police will keep on closely monitoring the issue of cycling safety and continue its efforts on publicity and education to encourage cyclists to pay attention to and comply with the relevant laws and regulations, thereby promoting public awareness of cycling safety and reducing traffic accidents.

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