

**INQUIRY INTO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY  
(MINISTERIAL REFERENCE)**

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### CROSSINGS

1. Some crossings are poorly lit e.g. Elizabeth Street Ashfield near Wood Street. And pedestrians cross without first looking.
2. Pedestrians crossing where there is no official crossing e.g. at the roundabout Everton Road, Raw Sq and Cooper Street, Strathfield.
3. People crossing where there is a poorly defined zone from road to pedestrian walkway. This occurs in town centres where there is a pedestrian mall with cars passing through or nearby.
4. School crossings located where the school has a few campuses. The students walk acting as if the whole area is the school campus and do not watch out for cars.

### ROAD RULES

1. The public need to be re-educated in road rules. Basic rules like looking right then left and right again before crossing the road.
2. Wearing clothing that can be seen at night.
3. Road rules being available in other languages.

### DISTRACTIONS

1. Pedestrians walking while listening to their ipod and thus not stopping before crossing the road.
2. Pedestrians talking on mobile phones and being inattentive to the traffic.