

GENERAL HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

MAIN HAZARDS	WHO MAY BE HARMED?
Possible road traffic accident	Pupils, Instructors, Members of the public
Impact with something solid	Pupils, Instructors
Slips, trips and falls	Pupils, Instructors
Abduction	Pupils
Getting lost	Pupils, Instructors
Injury from bike itself	Pupils, Instructors, Members of the public

GENERAL HAZARDS

HAZARD	RISK RATING Without controls	CONTROL MEASURES	RISK RATING With controls
Inexperienced pupils, maybe with low confidence and on road for the first time	Medium	Supervision by competent qualified instructors. Ratio up to 1:12 for Level 1, 1:3 for L2. High visibility clothing worn on road by all pupils and Instructors. Instructors briefed on pupils' medical and special needs. Training only takes place only in the risk assessed area. Pupils given clear guidelines for behaviour and briefed to stop safely on the left should anything unexpected happen or they are unsure what to do.	Low
Road traffic accident	Medium	Accident and emergency procedures known to Instructors. Only pupils who demonstrate adequate Level 1 control allowed to ride on road. Instructors follow guidelines in Instructors' manual for delivery of National Standards outcomes	Low
Slips, trips and falls	Medium	Instructor to inform pupils about any potential hazards. Instructors aware of the possible effect of different weather conditions. Instructor to identify any new specific hazards prior to pupils riding (see ANY OTHER SPECIFIC HAZARD)	Low
Injury from bike itself	Medium	Pupils to be supervised by instructors throughout sessions and only get on or cycle with permission. Clear guidelines given for behaviour when with the bike standing / walking / pushing. All bikes initially checked by Instructors with subsequent pupil's checks observed.	Low
Abduction	Low	Pupils to be in view of an Instructor at all times.	Low
Getting Lost	Low	Instructors briefed on routes and to be in view of an Instructor at all times.	Low

ROAD & TRAFFIC HAZARDS

HAZARD	RISK RATING Without controls	CONTROL MEASURES	RISK RATING With controls
Difficult/ unusual/ confusing junctions	Medium	Instructors to familiarise themselves with the area to be used before training begins. Identify any parts that are challenging, assess the abilities of pupils and select training site appropriate. For other difficult sections ensure only pupils with adequate skills and confidence ride them and that they are briefed on the best approach.	Low
Busy/fast roads	Medium	Ensure pupils are briefed before riding on these and understand how they affect decision making and manoeuvring.	Low
Steep gradients	Medium	Only to be ridden by pupils who have demonstrated sufficient braking and steering control. Instructors to warn pupils in advance, ensure they select appropriate gears and/or control speed.	Low
Kerbs/Bollards barriers etc	Low	Instructor to inform pupils about any potential hazards and brief them to adopt suitable road position that minimises risk of collision.	Low
Rough/uneven surfaces	Low	Ensure pupils are warned in advance to reduce the risk of sudden braking or steering	Low
Parked vehicles	Medium	Instructors to teach and the pupils to practice safe overtaking on a quiet section of road before they attempt junctions or more challenging sections.	Low
Very wide or narrow junctions/ carriageways	Medium	Instructors should emphasise the importance of good road position, ensure pupils understand priorities and use their own riding position to provide maximum protection where required.	Low
Restricted views	Medium	Instructors to warn pupils to take extra care with observations and to take positions that maximise the available views.	Low
Pedestrians	Low	Instructors to warn pupils to take extra care where there are large numbers or they may be distracted.	Low

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SCHOOLS- Please print a copy of this Risk Assessment for the instructors on the first day of training or, if you have any queries, please contact Don Muir (Cycling Co-ordinator)- (01452) 425229, don.muir@gloucestershire.gov.uk
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TO BE COMPLETED BY INSTRUCTORS- please sign to say that you've read and understood the Risk Assessment					
Signed:	Date	Signed:	Date	Signed:	Date
Print Name:		Print Name:		Print Name:	
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Instructors- Please return this part of the risk assessment with the register at the end of the training

GENERAL NOTES ABOUT THIS SITE

The roads close to the school have some good junctions but can be busy and have a high proportion of large goods vehicles. There are a number of options to access quieter residential areas further away via cycle paths and controlled crossings.

ANY OTHER SPECIFIC HAZARD in the risk assessed area (see map)	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
<p>1. Access to the L2 junctions off York Rd. involves two right turns where traffic can be heavy. Traffic on York Rd. will regularly back up across the junction from the adjacent lights.</p> <p>2. The mini roundabout on Eastbrook Drive has the cycle path access to the Metz Way starting on the right immediately after.</p> <p>3. Busy roundabout with a mix of shared use, on road and no cycle facilities on the various approaches.</p> <p>4. Potentially challenging right turn across Coney Hill Rd to access the Hawthorne Av/Birch Av junctions.</p>	<p>Pupils should be walked through the right turn at the York Rd junction until they have demonstrated the turn consistently at less challenging sites and shown sufficient awareness and understanding to cope with the varied traffic situations that may happen here.</p> <p>This cycle path can't be accessed from the school direction in a reliably safe way so instructors should either get pupils to walk their bikes across the roundabout and Metz Way or, if they have demonstrated similar manoeuvres at standard junctions, ride straight on at the roundabout then get off to cross Metz Way via the pedestrian refuges.</p> <p>As all approaches are single lane this roundabout may be used for L2 although the volumes of traffic may make it challenging. This should only be ridden on road by pupils who have demonstrated relevant turns on a quieter roundabout such as the nearby one at Blake Hill Way. When riding roundabouts with on road cycle lanes pupils must be made aware of the importance of using the correct road position for the turn even when that means leaving the cycle lane.</p> <p>Pupils who are not ready for this turn should stop by the shop on Coney Hill Parade and walk via the Zebra crossing over Coney Hill Rd.</p>

Cycle paths (see map ).

Suggested Routes/Junctions for initial on road training (see map ). Instructors should train here until pupils have demonstrated sufficient skills and awareness to move on to more challenging roads and junctions within the specified area.

More Challenging Routes/Junctions for able pupils (see map ). Instructors to avoid or walk these sections with less able/inexperienced pupils and use them for left turns and other simple manoeuvres with the rest. Pupils who have demonstrated a sufficiently high level of ability may ride more demanding manoeuvres here as an extension activity during later sessions.

INSTRUCTORS NOTES

Any changes or additional hazards

Control measures and further actions

WHEN SHOULD THERE BE A REVIEW?

- Significant change to the environment
- Following an incident
- After a reasonable amount of time

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR BIKEABILITY TRAINING SCHEME - ON ROAD

