

Travel training - risk assessments

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What is risk?

- Tend to think of risk as bad....
 - But gradual recognition that no risk is also bad
 - “cotton wool kids”
- Everything involves some risk
- Travel training is about managing risk
- Understanding what the risks are
- Deciding which risks are acceptable and which are not
- Identifying risk management strategies/tools

Risk?

- Have we become more risk averse?
- Health and safety – dirty words?
- What risks do we mean?
 - Personal safety
 - Road safety
 - Other risks

Need to be able to quantify and understand if we are able to address them and reassure

Personal safety

- Major issue in the press
- Can make travel training difficult (Surrey, Worthing)
- Data poor – BCS/reported/recorded/perceptions
- Know young people most at risk – perpetrators and victims
- Know disabled more vulnerable

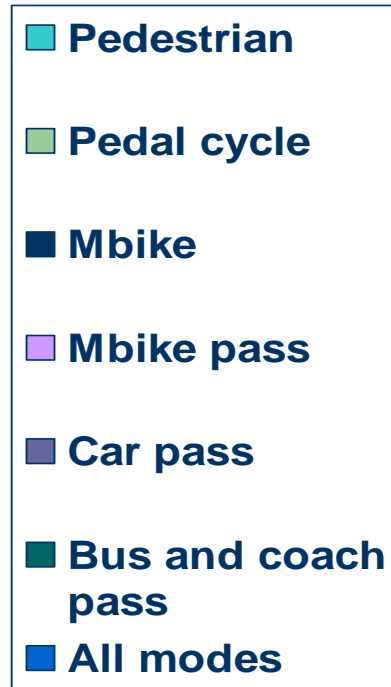
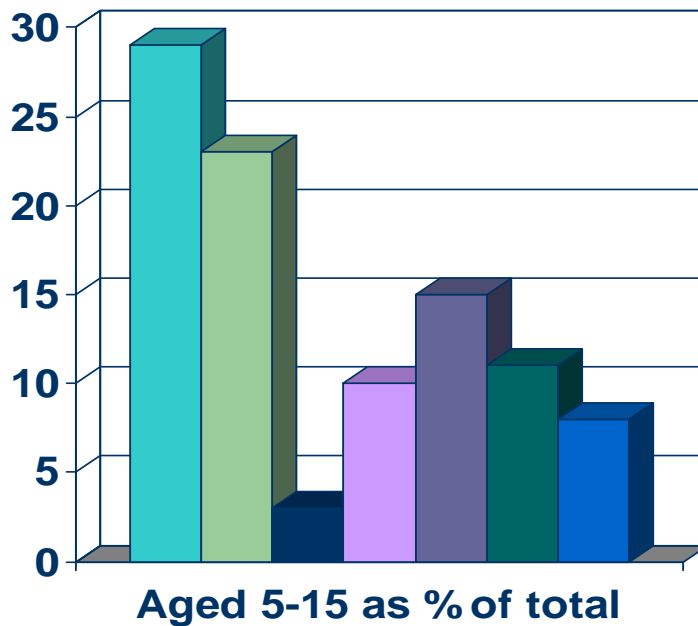
Personal safety

- Child abductions are increasing (but may be due to reporting)
- 846 in E & Ws reported in 2002/3
- 47% were by strangers (361 attempts 68 “successful”)
- 23% by parent
- Ave age 9 years (10 for stranger)
- Ethnicity & gender

Road safety

- Liaise with casualty data staff/RSOs
- Safety of route criteria/PV criteria
- Stats 19 – problems/value
 - Severity
 - Location
 - Underreporting
- Link to exposure
- Danger does not = casualties

Road safety

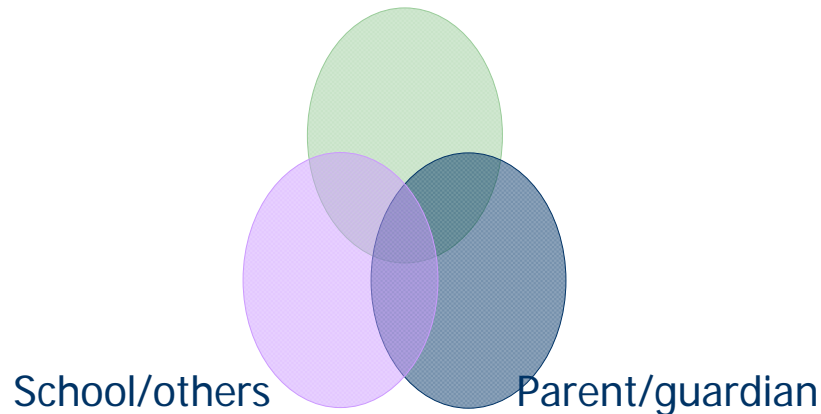


The legal framework

- Health and safety at work act 1974
 - Duty self, employers and others
- *In loco parentis*
- Reasonable parent test
- Reasonable person test
- Foreseeable & proportionality
- Consent & document
 - At every stage, every change, before and after

Risk assessment – the person

- Abilities, strengths and weaknesses
- Objectives – what trying to achieve
- Specific journey or for general travel



Risk assessment - route

- Remember
 - May be time/weather specific
 - The route assessment can be generic or person specific
 - Seek advice from others
 - Police, road safety, highways
 - Can risks be mitigated?
 - Training
 - Alternative route

Risk assessment

- Document
- Ongoing
- Review, review, review
- Is the assessment still appropriate
- Young person, person or route?

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