

# E2 Pedestrian safety resources

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## Purpose

The purpose of this module is to provide council managers with resources for pedestrian safety, which include safety audit guidelines, pedestrian rights workshops and contacts for various walking program coordinators.

## Introduction

Pedestrian safety must be the foremost consideration during the development and implementation phases of a walking program. Safety issues include conflict with other path users, interaction with the road environment and the condition of the walking surface.

### E2.1 Pedestrian coordinators

In Australia and overseas, few organisations have established a clearly identifiable focus for developing and implementing walking initiatives. However, the following coordinators have practical experience in various aspects of pedestrian planning:

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In the United States, to qualify for Federal Government funding for walking programs and projects under transport legislation, states must employ a pedestrian/cyclist coordinator. These coordinators are uniquely placed to provide advice, based on experience, to support pedestrian initiatives, including topics such as the potential for synergy or conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.

A list of US state bicycle/pedestrian coordinators, including email addresses, is available from <http://design.transportation.org/?siteid=59&pageid=852>.

### Looking Out for Pedestrians

*Looking Out for Pedestrians* was developed by VicRoads as part of the *arrive alive! Strategy*. More details on this package, which addresses various safety issues, are contained in E1.5.

### E2.2 Pedestrian information centres

The United States Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Centre (PBIC) is a clearing house for information about health and safety, engineering, advocacy, education, enforcement, access and mobility.

The PBIC serves anyone interested in pedestrian and bicycle issues, including planners, engineers, private citizens, advocates, educators, and the police enforcement and health communities. It provides many images that may be useful in supporting or illustrating the case for pedestrian initiatives. The PBIC can be accessed at <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org>.



Specifically pedestrian pages of the PBIC can be found at the website of the US Pedestrian Information Centre, at <<http://www.walkinginfo.org>>.

### **E2.3 Conflict with other path users**

Most walking takes place on paths that are generally either footpaths or shared paths. Each path has other legitimate users (including cyclists) and other users/uses, both mobile (e.g. skateboarders and rollerbladers) and non-mobile (e.g. retail displays, street furniture and al-fresco dining).

Managing conflict between pedestrians and cyclists is the subject of a current Austroads/Australian Bicycle Council study being undertaken by ARRB Transport Research. Information about this study can be found on the Australian Bicycle Council website <[http://www.abc.dotars.gov.au/pedestrian\\_bicycle\\_interactions.htm](http://www.abc.dotars.gov.au/pedestrian_bicycle_interactions.htm)>.

Queensland Transport's road safety website for pedestrians deals with pedestrian issues that include safe walking, access for pedestrians with disabilities, promoting walking, the benefits of walking and codes of conduct for shared paths. The site can be accessed at <<http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/pedestrian>>.

Councils can also audit walking facilities to identify areas where conflicts warrant remedial action. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Transport Institute of Australasia is developing guidelines for walking audits. Walking audits allow communities and specialist consultants to analyse the quality and appropriateness of pedestrian corridors based on a range of characteristics. A conference paper detailing the development of the PedSafe Pedestrian Audit Form can be found at <<http://www-civil.eng.monash.edu.au/people/centres/its/WorkshopsSeminars/PastActivities/caitr/Lillis.doc>>.

