



## Ambulance Service of New South Wales

media release

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### **Pedestrians and Motorists Take Care**

Ambulance officers are appealing for pedestrians to take care when crossing roads in poor weather conditions after a spate of pedestrian accidents today. Nine pedestrians have been taken to hospital by ambulance in Sydney so far today.

- A 30yo man was taken to St George Hospital after being hit by a car on King Georges Road, Blakehurst at 0552.
- A 40yo man received a head injury after being struck by a car on March St, Richmond at 0643.
- A man in his 30s was killed after being struck by a bus on the M2 motorway at Carlingford at 0755.
- A 45yo woman was taken to St Vincents Hospital after being hit by a car on Oxford St, Darlinghurst at 0928.
- A pedestrian received leg injuries and was taken to Nepean Hospital after an accident on Jamison Street, South Penrith at 1711.
- A pedestrian received minor injuries and was taken to Ryde Hospital after being hit by a car on Herring Road, Macquarie Park at 1735.
- A 22yo woman received minor injuries after being struck by a car on George St, Windsor at 1735.
- A woman received serious head injuries after being struck by a bus on Clarence Street, Sydney at 1758.
- A 60yo man received head injuries when he was struck by a vehicle on Sydney Road at Manly at 1835.

Ambulance Officer Neil Hargreaves appealed to pedestrians to ensure that they look carefully before they cross roads, particularly in this bad weather.

"In bad weather, pedestrians are often intent on escaping the rain and getting to their destination," he said, "they will often duck their head or hide behind their umbrella as they dash across roads to escape the rain."

Drivers should also take extra care and look out for people crossing, particularly in areas of high pedestrian activity.

In addition to these pedestrian accidents, ambulance officers have attended an increased number of motor vehicle accidents.

"The forecast storm front is yet to reach Sydney and, already, Ambulance has attended more than 110 accidents on our roads", said AO Hargreaves, "drivers must heed the advice of NSW Police Force and traffic authorities and drive to the conditions".

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