

Reporting accidents on a Banyule BUG ride

The B-BUG Committee has agreed that, whenever an incident or accident occurs on a scheduled B-BUG ride*, an Accident Report Form will be completed by the Ride Leader or another rider who was at the accident.

The main reasons for this decision:

- We want to build a comprehensive record of **all** accidents — major and minor — that occur on our rides. The information should help improve safety on BUG outings and help analyse the value of our insurance policies.
- Unless paramedics or police are involved, cycling accidents are largely unreported. Collating accurate information will provide invaluable data when advocating on behalf of cyclists and, particularly, for the many social riders who belong to clubs such as Banyule BUG.

The term “accident” should be interpreted broadly, ranging from major falls, crashes, collisions which might require an ambulance assistance minor grazes and cuts that can be fixed with a plaster or two. Particularly important is the involvement of third parties — knocking over a pedestrian, scraping a vehicle; damaging a bike, etc. Some may have implications for our insurance; most will not.

Please click on the **download** button below, then retrieve and fill out the .pdf file “*Accident Report Form*” on your computer. It incorporates a Send button that will deliver the completed form to a Banyule BUG e-mail address for recording.

Thanks for your help.

* scheduled B-BUG rides include Latte and Lycra Group rides of all types; Night rides; BUG rides outside Melbourne; members cycling to and from home to these events.