

MAKING THE NATION'S ROADS SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Lawyers are calling on parents and motorists to cut road deaths by being more aware of risks to older children.

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) welcomes the recent AA research - *The facts about road accidents and children* - which highlights areas where greater care needs to be taken to protect children. The research shows that 11 and 12 year olds are more likely to be killed or injured on the roads than any other age group, and urges drivers and parents to take more care, especially around schools.

“It’s natural for motorists to take extra care around very young children” said APIL president Patrick Allen. “But the AA research demonstrates very clearly that the same caution must be exercised in areas where secondary school age youngsters are walking or playing, such as around schools or playing fields.

“We also strongly recommend parents continue to instil the importance of road safety into their children – whatever age they are.”

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“As lawyers we are only too aware that this really is a life and death issue, but tragically many of these accidents could be prevented just by drivers taking extra care.”

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Note to editors:

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) campaigns to prevent needless injuries caused by negligence, for changes in the law to help people who have been injured to gain proper redress through the courts and prevent avoidable injury.

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