

Bike crashes on tram tracks										
Submission Details										
Sorted by crash year (descending order)										
Serial	Crash Location	Comment on crash location	Crash year	How did the crash happen?	getting caught where tracks veer across road	Severity	Injury	Sick leave	Reporting	Any other feedback?
1	Armagh Street	Coming of Botanic garden into Armagh	2008	I crossed the line and rode to the right of them, not fully aver of the tram stop after which the line are back to the center of the rode. And as I ride with cycling shoes, I fell with my bikes.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	My shoulder is in pain for the last two weeks	It was on term break so non of the Uni time is lost	no	
2	Armagh Street	A few metres beyond Rolleston Ave/Park Terrace	2008	I thought i was crossing on the right angle (having seen other crashes in front of me) but obviously not as my front tyre slipped on the track	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	scrape to face Scrapes on both knees, shooting pains down both legs (presume bruising)	About to leave for rest of day (1 day Off work)	No	
3	Armagh Street	Armagh street between rolleston ave and Cranmer Sq. I turned off Rolleston into Armagh	2008	Crossing tracks at 7am in light drizzly conditions and back wheel slid out. I fell and slid into a parked car	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Stained neck - antinflams prescribed, osteo	1 day	ACC via doctor	
4	Armagh Street	Beside Christ College	2008	Was avoiding a pedestrian and wheel got stuck in the tram line and I fell off.	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Bruised hip and grazed hands and knees	2 hours	No	
5	Armagh Street	After coming out of Hagley Park over the Armagh St bridge (shown in slide 20 of the slideshow)	2008	Rainy day, riding out on road to stay clear of tram tracks since wet but had to get out of the way of traffic which forced me to cross the tracks, crossed at decent angle but just too slippery	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	loss of skin on elbows, fore arms and hands. Head ended up under neath a parked car.	Nil, mopped up the blood and skin and carried on	No, figured nobody would be interested	Didnt realise they were planning on extending tram route. As mentioned in slide show i think the track needs to be kept as straight as possible and preferably closer to the middle of the road.
6	Armagh Street	In between Colombo and Manchester St on Armagh St suffering nasty grazes and cuts and ripping holes in my cycle shorts and Gore Tex jacket. \$120 worth of damage to my bike as well.	2008	A car pulled out of a side park and I had to swerve over the tram tracks to the right to avoid being hit. On moving back over the tracks out of the traffic flow the bike slid on the wet tram tracks and I came off the bike and skidded along the ground	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Bad grazes on my thigh and knees, also holes in my cycle shorts and Gore Tex jacket, and \$120 worth of damage to my bike.	None		I appreciate that making the tram tracks safer to cyclists is not really a feasible (or cheap) option, I would suggest more prominent signage and perhaps suggesting that cyclists use an alternative route, a short detour along another road is a small price to pay for safety considering that the tracks make cycling quite treacherous when it's raining.
7	Armagh Street	Armagh Street and New Regent intersection.	2008	I was travelling down Armagh along with another cyclist who was between the tram tracks. In his attempt to cross the tram tracks to where I was his front tyre got snagged and took him down along with me. We both just got a shock and nil injuries - thankfully there were no cars or it could have been worse. This occured during a weekday morning on our way to work. The other rider was unknown to me.	yes	I was not injured.		Nil		
8	Rolleston Avenue	Outside Christ College	2008	crossing tram line came off my new bike person following me then banged into me also. My bike was damaged	unsure	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	bruising on leg and hand			

9	Armagh Street	you have to cross tram tracks so many times going along the street	2008	The road was wet and my back tyre slid into the tracks	unsure	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	black eye and grazes		No	
10	Armagh Street	Armagh St/Rolleston Ave corner where track turns across the cycle route from Hagley Park into Armagh St	2008	Wheel got caught in track as track crosses cycle route	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	minor	nil	no	Enjoy receiving the spokes newsletter. Keep up the great work.
11	Armagh Street		2008	Truck had double parked and i needed to pull out of cycle lane to go round it - it had just started to rain lightly - wheel of bike slipped on tram track and I went down.	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Knee and wrist	No	only to friends and colleagues	
12	Armagh Street	At the Hagley Park end of Armagh St where the tracks go around the corner.	2008	As my road bike hit the tracks it came out from underneath me sending me sliding into a parked car.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Deep grazes on elbow and knee. Severely bruised knees that meant I wasn't able walk or drive for two days, one knee is still preventing me from running comfortably.		Christchurch City Council. They advised it is a known hazard and recorded the incident.	
13	Armagh Street	Small island at intersection of Armagh and Montreal Street	2008	Crossing trams lines on diagonal but lines were wet and slippery, front wheel slipped out from under me	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Face hit road, cut upper lip inside and outside, grazed fingers on one hand and badly bruised and grazed knee	None, continued to work	Had a dentist check my teeth so ACC form was filled out	
14	Other (e.g. an intersection of two of the above)	on tram tracks outside Christs College while turning into ?Worcester st	2007	I moved into centre of road to turn right into ?Worcester St, completely oblivious to tram tracks, front wheel became completely stuck in tram track, I went over the handlebars at a reasonable speed, landed in center of traffic intersection, cars had to come to a quick stop till I could get to my feet again.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Badly chipped front tooth - had to repair via dentist. Deep cut inside mouth - on antibiotics one week via doctor for infection of cut	nil	no	
15	Armagh Street		2007	I was aware of the tram track, but was being squeezed by a car, so concentrated more on the car than on the tram track. I consider myself lucky that I didn't sustain more serious injury - I could have easily been run over by a car after I fell.	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.				
16	Rolleston Avenue	outside Christ's college on Rolleston Ave during peak traffic	2007	crossing over tracks to turn in Armagh street	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	broken arm	week	no	
17	Armagh Street	Armagh by where tram stops for lights through Durham.	2007	Trying to cross tracks where they curve to the left.	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Bruise on my hip which stopped me running for a week and some damage to my bike and items that were in my backpack.	None.	No.	Had two crashes that prompted me to change my route to be via Lichfield and Manchetser so obviously new track on Manchester mean a further extende route to avoid them.
18	Armagh Street	park end of armagh street	2007	crossing across curve of track and then straightning out wheel slid on the camper into the track	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	badly fractured radius and fractured ulna large haematoma on thigh	3 months	acc,very supporting	

19	Armagh Street	At Slide 20 Between Rolleston Ave. and Cranmer	2007	Large, wide 4wd parked on roadside. I ended up riding close to tram track from habit of keeping safe door opening distance. Hit small object on road (stone?) and then hit the tracks. Fell into parked 4wd hitting top of arm on metal running board.	no	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Fractured left humerus very close to top. In hospital for 1 week waiting for 4 hour surgery. Large plate and 11 screws inserted.	about 4 months still seeing physio and chiropractor may need second surgery to remove plate	ACC very helpful with rehab and back to work assistance	Good to find someone looking into this. I've reported other cycling issues to the council before but never felt there was much point. Didn't even think about it with this one. I knew the tracks were there I just didn't realise I was so close.
20	Armagh Street	2 events - 1. bike slipped/slid across wet tram tracks but i managed to stay upright. Armagh st near park. 2. Got my back wheel stuck in the track and was 'flicked' but did not come off. Armagh St where crosses Colombo St I am now vary cautious with the angle i cross the tracks and in one place go onto the pavement for a short distance to avoid the tracks.	2007	1. Wet tracks - slippery 2. Back wheel slipping into the track	yes	I was not injured.	Just shook me up - i am now vary wary of the track and slow to go over them.	None	No	
21	Armagh Street	Armagh St just east of Rolleston Ave.	2007	Road was wet and was aware of the tracks but whilst crossing over the tracks where they bend I lost control and landed into a parked car	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	cuts to shin, elbow and hands and bruises	none	No - I know so many cyclists who have come off on the tracks so assume that the CCC are well aware of the issues.	
22	Rolleston Avenue	Just south of junction with Armagh street	2006	While crossing wet tracks to turn right into Armagh - front wheel gave way - I came down like sack of spuds into oncoming traffic in wrong lane - very lucky no cars coming other way to run me over	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Minor fracture to radial head (left arm at elbow)	Managed to get back to work after 1 day off, but was slow using computer with only one hand	No - spoke to cyclists who suggested this was fairly common occurrence so felt there was little point complaining. And perhaps I felt I was going too fast for the wet conditions	I do not cross the tramlines any more, especially when road is wet
23	Armagh Street	Next to Cranmer centre	2006	Biked slipped out from me due to the wet tracks	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.				
24	Armagh Street	Straight section between Rolleston & Montreal	2006	Not concentrating - veered into track and went over handlebars	no	I was not injured.				Too easily done when you're not familiar with the area / hazard. The sort of thing you feel silly having done and will only do once !
25	Armagh Street	had just crossed durham st heading towards colombo	2006	trying to cross tracks on to follow cycle lane around parked cars, wheel slipped and got trapped in groove of tracks - I ride a road bike with 19mm tyres which easily fit into the groove between track and road surface.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	bruising, road rash, had gravel removed and stitches at After Hours	1 day	no	
26	Worcester Street or in the Square	North of the Cathedral - just after where the tram tracks switch from the road to the square heading west.	2006	Heading west from Worcester into the square (following in-between tracks), pedestrian briskly walking into my path, had to brake hard and run into tracks to avoid hitting him, wheels wedged and I fell off my bike.	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	grazed my hands where I took the impact on the ground.	none	no... don't think I'm legally allowed to ride in the square	I rode for 2.5 years along Worcester in both west and east directions every work day, and often on the weekends, following the length of the tram track. It was a safe, quiet, pleasant and relatively car free route through the city. This was my only incident, so I'm happy with the safety of the tram tracks.
27	Armagh Street	Block between Colombo and Oxford Terrace, opposite Victoria Square bus shelters.	2006	It was raining, I crossed the tracks at a shallow angle by simply holding my line in the road and crashed on the wet tracks.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	I went to physio: aggravated an earlier hip injury, deep bruising to hip, knee, probable cartilage damage to the knee but nothing requiring surgery.	No time off work but lots of time off training :-(	ACC, covered my injuries with no problems.	

28	Armagh Street	On corner of Oxford Terrace and Armagh St (on bridge)	2006	I had just put slicks on my mountain bike and had been used to blithely ignoring the tracks with fat tyres. I was 'changing lane' parallel with the tracks to do a right turn into Oxford Terrace when my front wheel got caught in the track. I went down in a heap, bruises and grazes but no major damage to me or bike. I avoid them like the plague now.	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.		None	No	The worst area is Armagh St between Colombo and New Regent St - the number of cars that double park eg couriers or when about to back into a carpark - they obviously don't realise that they are forcing cyclists into the tram tracks. I wait until there is no traffic so I have room to take them at an angle.
29	Armagh Street	My tyres slipped between the track and the road, and I was unable to do anything. I fell onto my open hand, and had to have physio for some weeks to remove the pain in the thumbpad	2005	I forgot the instructions given to me by the organiser of the Park to Pier bike ride, and attempted to pass someone.	unsure	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Inconvenient, and sore, especially as we had booked a 9 day bike ride in Australia so I had to keep on cycling to get ready.	Nil	No	
30	Armagh Street	Near Victoria Square	2005	Front wheel caught in tram track sending me over the front of the handle bars, breaking bike computer and requiring new cleats on cycle shoes due to skidding on road.	unsure	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Couple of scratches	None	No	
31	Armagh Street	just past the corner of armagh and the road that the museum is on	2005	unsure cant remember	unsure	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Moderate head injury, contusions, hematomas, sprained thumbs, cracked ribs torn muscle in neck, grazes, concussion, the ongoing TBI has been life changing, had 1 year of very intense headaches which I was on medication for still have ongoing problems with headaches and memory loss, can't multi task as well, bright lights and big crowds are hard to handle. I'm sure there is more subtle things but have learnt to manage a lot of the minor things.	I had 3 months fully off work and did a gradual return to full time over a period of 2 years	ACC	
32	Armagh Street	Armagh St / Cranmer Sq intersection	2004	Light drizzle was falling and tramlines were slick. I slowed (but not enough), turned for a less acute angle (but not enough), and.. BAMM!	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Cut elbow, bruises and cuts on both palms.	No time off, but restricted movement for a few days.	Reported to H&S officer at ECan (was my 2nd day at my new job!)	
33	Armagh Street	corner of rolleston and armagh - tricky area requires crossing tracks which are curving whilst at teh same time turning right	2004	front wheel in tracks	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	scrped leg and bruised dignity	nil	nil	
34	Armagh Street	near corner of Armagh & Durham	2004	Was cycling across Armagh street to make a turn into Durham street. Slipped on wet tram rails & fell off bike. Car behind me stopped in time to not run over my bike or me!	no	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	bruised knee - had problem with knee on tramp a week later but after that no problems.	nil	no.	
35	Armagh Street	Just After Columbo St lights	2004	double parked car	no	I was not injured.				

36	Armagh Street	turning from Rolleston into Armagh and attempting to get across the tram line closer to the parked cars and out of the car zone	2003	Not knowing any better I crossed the tracks at too narrow an angle and my front wheel prefered the tram track to the road, whipped round and threw me and my bike I was attached to onto the ground.	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	Bruises to hip, calf and upper arm (caught by bike). I always wear bike gloves but would probably have had grazes on my palms if I hadn't been.	None	No. I had been told how I should cross by others who had experienced trouble, I just hadn'r realised how steep an angle it needed to be. I probably felt it was my fault.	You are doing great work, thank you.
37	Armagh Street	My bike Tire caught in the track leading to me coming off. It is ridiculous having a tram track in Armagh Street which is so narrow.	2002	My bike Tire caught in the track leading to me coming off.	yes	I was not injured.	N.A.	N.A.	No.	
38	Armagh Street	Armagh St, just off Rolleston Ave. Right under the sign that says "Cyclists beware of tram tracks" picturing a stick man cyclist falling off.	2002	I was cycling out of Hagley Park to go along Armagh, as I did every day to get home. Normally I would cross the tracks twice. Once, on Rolleston, at a more or less perpendicular angle, then again by riding in a sort of S shape: swerve out to the right, across to the left to cross the tracks at a steep enough angle, and back to the right to straighten up, ending up with my bke on the left of the tracks. On the day in question, it had been drizzling and there were cars parked all along the left side of the track on Armagh, so my angle of crossing the track was not great enough as I had little room to put the bike on the left side of the tracks. Both tyres (of mountain bike) made contact with the track at the same time. They carried on along Armagh without me, so I was thrown to the ground. I am glad I was going fairly slowly.	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	A pedal-bite and handle-bar bruise injury to my left leg at least. It was a huge bruise! Bound to have been other bruises elsewhere too.	None, but I had to get rides to work for the next couple of days because my left leg wasn't too happy with all the bending.	None. I probably bitched a lot about the pain while I was at work though.	I guess I could have cycled right around the tracks, staying on their left, but it made more sense to me to go more or less straight through, thus over them. Until I fell off, at least.
39	Armagh Street	just after exiting the Park, heading east, near Christ's College.	2001	Crossing from right side of track to left, wheel slipped into track on damp metal. Was on a mountain bike with wide tyres, so didn't fall right in.	yes	I was not injured.				
40	Other (e.g. an intersection of two of the above)	the intersection of Durham & Armagh streets	1998	I was crossing the tracks at not enough angle & my front wheel went onto the track gap & I fell off.	yes	I was not injured.	none really a couple of minor bruises mainly because after the first accident I always wear gloves etc & I was going slow	none	none	Since the 1st crash I have always tried to avoid crossing the tracks for this very reason & now will ride on the footpath or anywhere to avoid them.
41	Armagh Street	Armagh St near Durham St (location p.3 on the slide show)	1998	From memory, I think it was one of the first times I had had to cross the tram lines, it was a bit wet, and I just didn't realise how slippery the tram lines would be and at what angle I needed to cross them. I slipped crossing the lines.	yes	I had bruises or grazes, but no doctor got involved.	only light - a few grazes on my hands and knee, but enough to give me a fright.	none	no	
42	Other (e.g. an intersection of two of the above)	the corner of Armagh & Rolleston	1996	I was biking on the road & as I crossed the tracks to get out of the car area & into the cycle area both wheels slipped on the tracks & down I went.	yes	I went to hospital, a doctor or a dentist.	Minor really suspected broken thumb (which was just sprained) a few grazes & bruises & cut & a broken iPod	None	No	I've also crashed more recently but will put that in another submission