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# Personal

## \* eScooter

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### Before Impact Risk Assessment

Note:

I visit the city frequently - as a pedestrian. There is a history of incidents compounded by what appears to be inadequate oversight.

Vulnerable: 8

Hazard Score: 8



Images:

# E-SCOOTER MENACE LEAVES CRASH VICTIM IN CONSTANT PAIN



Diana Reed was injured after a scooter driver ran over her foot.  
Picture: Dean Martin

**TODD LEWIS**

A WOMAN suffering from ongoing trauma after she was struck by an e-scooter while walking on a city footpath says Adelaide City Council "need to be held accountable".

Diana Reed struggles to move around the house pain-free after a 15-year-old girl - who was smoking a cigarette while riding a Beam scooter illegally - ran over her foot when she was walking along Pulteney St in February.

Ms Reed said she suffered serious damage to the ligaments and tendons in her foot.

"I've had MRIs, X-rays and seen several doctors, but I haven't been able to walk properly since," she said. "My quality of life has diminished - I can no longer walk to work, I can't walk on the beach, I just have to live with a certain amount of pain in my ankle."

After realising the extent of her injuries Ms Reed said she explored a number of avenues to have the incident addressed.

"Beam took 11 days to respond, which was bad enough, but it is written into their terms and conditions that as soon as someone is breaking the law they aren't liable," Ms Reed said.

"Police were also limited because there were no laws they could apply to the incident."

She then turned to Adelaide City Council, even attending one of their meetings.

"My goal has been to ensure what happened to me doesn't happen to other people, so I spoke at the council to try and enact change in regards to pedestrian safety," she said.

"There should be speed limits in more populated areas. The irony of all this is where it happened is just metres from Rundle Mall where scooters can't be used."

But she said her appeal has "fallen on deaf ears".

"It's just not good enough for councillors to murmur about making change and then not do anything," she said.

"The council has approved these scooters to whiz along the footpaths at high speed with the potential for injury at any moment, so they need to be held accountable in the absence of those laws." City council Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor said she had flagged potential changes with the state government.

"I acknowledge Diana has had an awful experience," she said.

## After Impact Risk Assessment

Note:

Impacted: 0

Hazard Score: 8



**Plan:**

**Name:**

eScooter Risk Management Plan

**Description:**

A personal plan to manage potential eScooter impacts.

**What needs to be done:**

Be aware of where and when scooters are being used most frequently.

**What is needed to do it:**

Follow up details from websites and local government.

Budget: No

Time: No

Track: No

Images:

