

## Views

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### **A bus-pedestrian Collision at Sha Tin New Town Plaza Bus Terminus**

An elderly person was critically injured by a double decker bus while crossing between platforms inside the bus terminus on 12 November 2012. This incident raises again the safety of bus termini which effectively function as a vehicle-pedestrian shared zone. Similar to many similar bus termini, the Sha Tin bus terminus is full of obstructions to sightlines, including the entrance on Sha Tin Centre Street. Sample measurements of bus speeds at the Exchange Square bus terminus suggest that certain drivers go at 30km/h within the constrained environment. It is necessary that the authority and the bus companies immediately review the policy and guidance for driving within bus terminus, and speeds not exceeding 20km/h should be the norm under any circumstances.



*Entrance to the Sha Tin New Town Bus Terminus*

### **Construction Waste Tipper is a Road Safety Hazard**

Construction waste tippers are often placed on roadsides in Hong Kong. They are sometimes directly placed on a traffic lane, including main roads with relatively high traffic speeds.

These tippers are made of solid steel with a dull colour, and are therefore poorly visible to motorists. Collision with these tippers can result in severe casualties.

In Hong Kong, it is illegal to place a tipper on a street without authorization. Due to various reasons, however, tippers continue to be a common scene on the streets. From the road safety point of view, CRS considers that tippers are potential hazards which must be given immediate attention. The authority should, at the minimum, requires that the sides of a tipper are marked with reflective strips. Additionally, immediate enforcement should be taken for tippers in the following situations:

- On a traffic lane where speeds could exceed 40km/h
- On a layby where speeds where speeds could exceed 50km/h
- Located after a visual blockage e.g. blind bend, crest top

Where immediate removal is not possible, advance placement of a traffic cone or similar delineator will be essential.



*A tipper with no reflective markers directly placed on the traffic lane of a distributor road*