

Children and cycling in the Netherlands

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Design Manual for Bicycle Traffic



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traffic](https://www.crow.nl/publicaties/design-manual-for-bicycle-traffic)

- Knowledge platform for traffic and transport
- Helps governments with knowledge about traffic, transport, infrastructure and public space
- Known from guidelines for infrastructure

Top 10 Best cycling-cities of the world



1. Utrecht
2. Zwolle
3. Groningen
4. Princetown (Verenigde Staten)
5. Amsterdam
6. Kopenhagen (Denemarken)
7. Rotterdam
8. Barcelona
9. Sevilla
10. Antwerpen

Cycling in the Netherlands



Almost 37.000 km cyclepaths

We cycle more than 15 billion kilometers per year

More bikes than people: in 2021 **23,4 million** bikes, 3,4 million e-bikes.

Policy

- Strategic Road Safety Plan 2030: emphasis on the elderly cyclist and cycling infrastructure
- National vision on cycling: investment in infrastructure, storage space and stimulating cycling



Children and cycling

2019

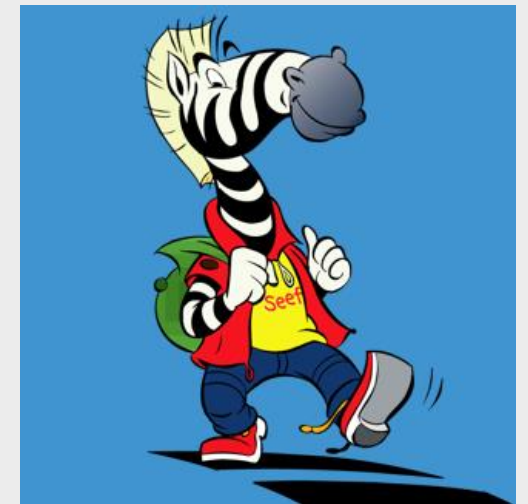
- **17.000 children >13 in hospital**
- **14.000 of them were cycling (> 80%)**



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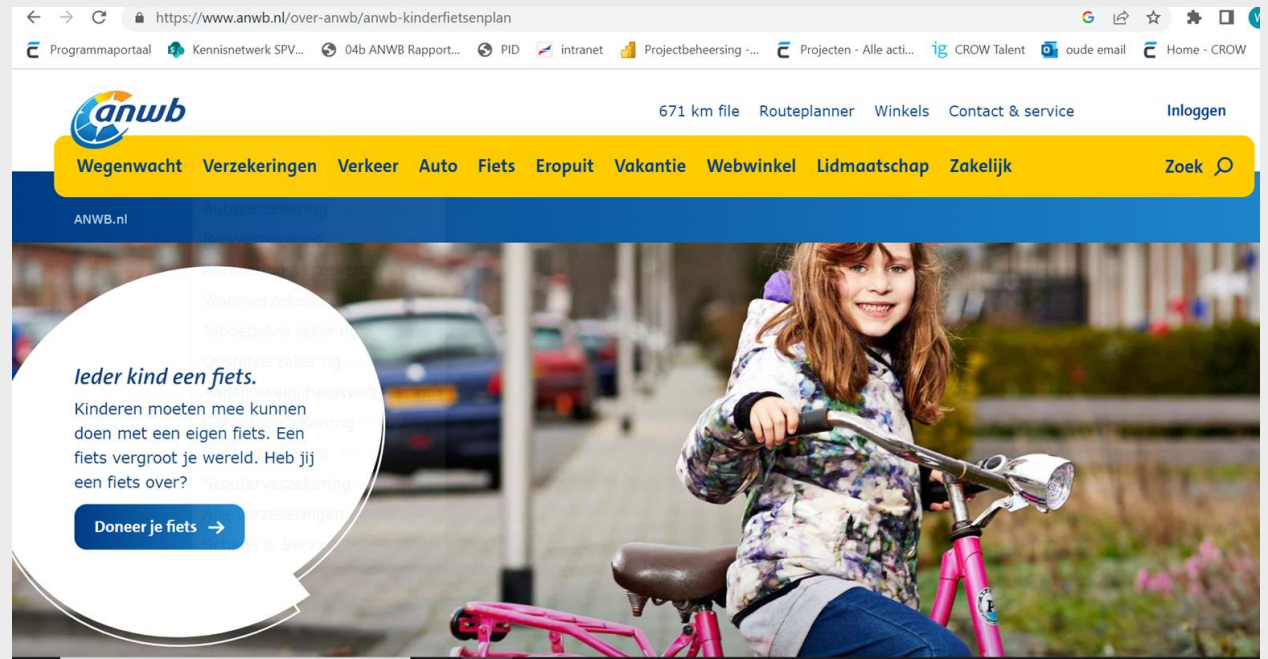
Education

- Teaching methods
- Bicycle-exam (11/12 years old)
- Campaigns ('we go to school again', lighting, not using mobile phone etc)
- Road safety label for schools
- Stimulating helmet-use



But...

- More and more children can't cycle or have a bike
- Programs to stimulate and to collect bicycles



Infrastructure

- Improve cycling infrastructure
- Schoolzones
- 30 km/h



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