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Night rider fear lit up

GET switched on about night safety: that's the message for cyclists across the bay.

A Bicycle Victoria survey has found more than a quarter of inner city cyclists are risking their lives by riding at night with inadequate lighting.

And Cr Michael Norris is backing the group's calls to double the fine for anyone caught without working lights.

"I think it's an unacceptable situation . . . and the worry is cyclists are very much in danger," he said.

"Some of these people won't even have fluorescent clothing on, so they are a danger to others."

The Abbott Ward councillor narrowly avoided a crash a year ago, while riding at dusk in Sandringham.

Bicycle Victoria surveyed seven locations around inner Melbourne between 5pm and 7pm from June 11-15, and found 28 per cent of cyclists rode without adequate lighting.

A further 9 per cent had no lights at all. The current fine for riding without working lights at night is \$54.

Councillor Michael Norris backs lights on night riders. Picture: JASON SAMMON N02SB208

