

Two children injured in separate traffic incidents

✘ Two children have been hurt in two separate incidents on different sides of the city today.

In the first, Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for information after a child was injured, having been clipped by a car in the Gilmerton area of Edinburgh this afternoon.

The seven-year-old boy and his brother were standing on a traffic island in Gilmerton Road about 12.40pm when a silver or gold car clipped him and kept driving. He was taken to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children where it emerged he had suffered a broken leg.

There is no further description available of the car.

Chief Inspector Alwyn Bell said:- “It may well be the driver is not aware that anything happened so we would appeal for anyone who may have been driving in Gilmerton Road this lunchtime, and who may have seen the boys on the traffic island, to get in touch.

“We’re also keen to hear from anyone else who was in the area, and who may have seen the vehicle involved, or have information about exactly what happened, to contact us on 0131 311 3131.”

In the second incident a young girl was injured during a road collision at 12.30pm today on Groathill Road North.

The five-year-old was involved in a collision with a Renault Clio, which stopped at the scene, and the driver is now assisting police with their enquiries.

Police and ambulance responded to the scene and the child was taken to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children after sustaining

injuries to her abdomen.

She is currently undergoing medical examination and officers urge anyone who witnessed the collision to come forward.

Road Policing Sergeant Brian Smith said:- “We are still trying to piece together the full circumstances that resulted in this collision and are urging members of the public to assist with our investigation.

“The area is next to a primary school and there were likely a number of people around who may have seen what happened.

Anyone with any information on either of these incidents should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.