

# Plea from crash mum

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**CLEAR MESSAGE:** A SERIOUS CAR ACCIDENT HAS CAUSED A MOTHER OF TWO TO URGE CAUTION ON ROAD USERS

LACEYS Creek mother-of-two Stephanie Burtrand is pleading with others to drive safely on Dayboro and surrounding roads after she was in a serious crash earlier this year.

Mrs Burtrand, 25, was driving with her one-year-old son Hayden and was 30 weeks pregnant when she was involved in a crash at Dayboro Rd on Friday, May 6.

She was rushed to hospital



**CRASH SURVIVORS:**  
Stephanie Burtrand with children Layla and Hayden.

where she had an emergency caesarean to save her baby

girl. "Layla (now seven months) has regular check-ups every three months because she was born premature," Mrs Burtrand said.

"We need to keep an eye out for any ongoing problems that she might have.

"We are always worrying all of the time, wondering if she should be doing that or if something is wrong."

Firefighter and Dayboro resident Glenn Bell, who at-

tended the crash site, described it as one of the worst he had ever seen.

"I don't know how anyone survived it," he said.

Maurice Blackburn senior associate Sugath Wijedoru, who is representing Mrs Burtrand, said the effects of a crash lasted much longer than the day it happened.

"Road trauma such as this has a very long-lasting impact on people, well after the

physical scars have healed," he said.

"Both adult and child victims deserve to be compensated for the ongoing physical and psychological effects caused by car accidents."

Mrs Burtrand said she was a lot more cautious and aware on the roads after the crash. "It was a very scary thing. In the photos I cannot even recognise my car," she said.