



TRAVEL SAFELY THROUGH OUR SOUTHERN FORESTS REGION

Driving on Australian country roads, unfamiliar to you, can be very hazardous. Driving on country roads is very different to driving in a city or a town, so please take the time to read this information for your safety.



Narrow roads

Drive slowly with caution as there are many trucks/lorries, caravans, tractors, farm machinery etc. sharing our roads.



Rough edges & loose gravel

Can create a dangerous sliding effect where you can lose control or suddenly drop into a gravel hole, roll down a bank or hit a tree.



Wildlife & farm animals

Watch out for animals on the road and roadside, especially kangaroos at dusk and dawn. These animals can be large and collision with them can cause serious injury and death to people travelling in cars.



Mobile Phone Coverage

There is limited to no mobile phone coverage on most country roads. Let someone know where you are going and have a printed road map handy.



Debris on roads

Always watch out for fallen trees and limbs on country roads.



Winding Roads

Pay attention to warning signs; they are there for your safety and indicate that a hazard/danger is coming up.



Water & heavy rain

Water can pool on the roads which can cause the vehicle to slide uncontrollably. Avoid using cruise control in wet weather as it can increase this danger.



Fatigue

Can cause disorientation or falling asleep at the wheel. This can happen to the best drivers putting them at risk of a collision.



Roads with no speed signs

Drive at a speed that suits the road conditions.



Undivided roads

Roads that do not have a white line down the center can cause people to drift onto the wrong side of the road, risking a collision with oncoming vehicles. Please stay on the left hand side of the road.



Roads in poor condition

Some country road surfaces may be in poor condition, for example have pot holes, which can increase the likelihood of a crash. You must drive to the condition of the road.



Poorly maintained vehicles

Improperly maintained vehicles, for example poor tyre condition, contribute to many rural traffic crashes. No excuse or money is worth your life or the lives of others involved in an accident.



Poor visibility

Slow down if you can't see clearly due to rain, fog, smoke, trees or bad light; it may just save your life.

Important Australian road laws

that must be followed for your and others' safety

- ✓ Seat belts must be worn by the driver and all passengers in the vehicle at all times.
- ✓ Speeding - It is against the law to drive above the posted speed limit.
- ✓ Drive on the left hand side of the road at all times.
- ✓ It is an offence to drive or attempt to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ It is illegal to use your mobile phone while driving unless it is in a hands free kit.
- ✓ The maximum speed, unless otherwise indicated, is 110 kmph.