

SAFETY ALERT



TITLE: Driving and road conditions

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Background

The road and weather conditions have a significant impact on our driving safety. Certain road and weather conditions increase the risk of an accident and extra care is required. It is important to adjust your behaviour, drive to the conditions and slow down.

Conditions to consider

Road conditions:

- How the road is engineered, including slope, corners and camber.
- Unsealed or sealed road.
- Road surface quality, including corrugation and potholes.

Weather conditions:

- Poor visibility from heavy rain, fog and dust.
- Glare from the rising or setting sun.
- Rainfall making the road surface slippery.

Reduce your risk

- Know your limits. Just because the road is signposted as a 110 km/h zone, doesn't mean you have to drive that fast.
- Accelerate and brake slowly and reduce your speed when approaching intersections, curves and hills.
- Turn on your lights so other vehicles can see you.
- In dangerous weather conditions pull over and wait until it is safe to continue.
- Keep an eye out for livestock and wildlife, especially during dusk and dawn. If you do spot an animal in your path you should brake, flash your lights and hit the horn – don't swerve.
- If you are driving behind a heavy vehicle, keep a 2-second distance between you and the heavy vehicle—double this distance in bad driving conditions.
- Decrease your speed when travelling on unsealed roads and increase the distance between you and the vehicle in front.
- Report all road hazards. Reported hazardous road locations are recorded on the industry Hazard Map, refer to the [FIFWA website](#).

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