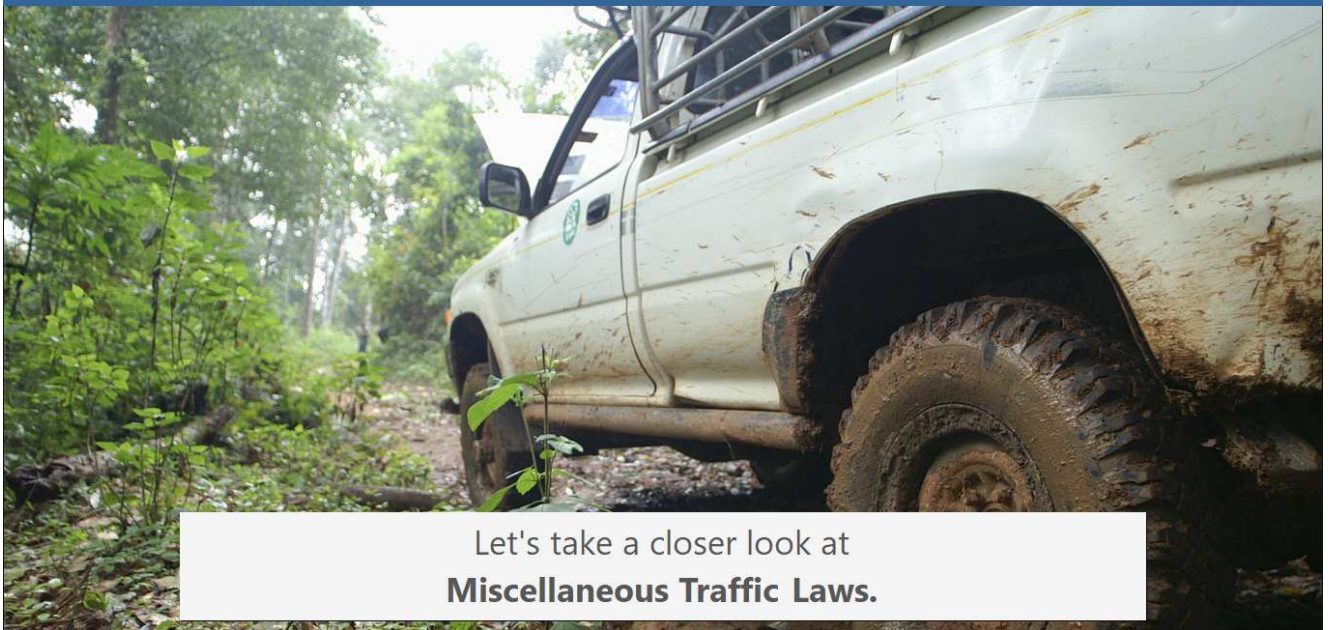


Miscellaneous Traffic Laws

Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Miscellaneous Traffic Laws**.

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Let's take a closer look at
Miscellaneous Traffic Laws.

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Through this course, we will be teaching you the rules and regulations related to driving, and how to be a better driver.

In this lesson, we look at laws that don't quite fit into any other category.



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Driving Without Due Care. Each state has a number of laws that are nonspecific - ranging from driving without due care, negligent driving, dangerous driving, etc. that may not specifically apply to any one particular traffic behaviour or event.

Essentially, if the police decide you are driving in a careless, reckless, or dangerous manner - no matter what you are doing, you can be charged with some rather serious and expensive offences.

Be polite, be patient, be careful, and follow the road rules, and you will be fine.



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Keep Your Hands, Feet and Head Inside the Vehicle. This should go without saying. Ensure that neither you, nor any of your passengers, put any part of their body out of a window while driving.

It is dangerous and illegal.



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Driving on Beaches. There are many beaches in Australia that 4WD's are allowed to drive on.

In general, where a beach can legally be driven on, standard road rules apply, and can be enforced by police.

However, almost all beaches require that you obtain a permit to attach to your vehicle before you drive on a particular beach. During the process of obtaining a permit, you will be explained to, or given documentation on, any particular road rules specific to that beach - like driving hours, driving speeds, no-go areas, etc. These rules must be followed.



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Hooning is the common word used for anti-social behaviour conducted in a motor vehicle, such as excessive speeding, street racing, burnouts and playing loud music. It includes a range of traffic offences; dangerous driving, careless driving, driving without reasonable consideration for other people, driving in a way that makes unnecessary noise or smoke, and racing or conducting speed trials on a public road.

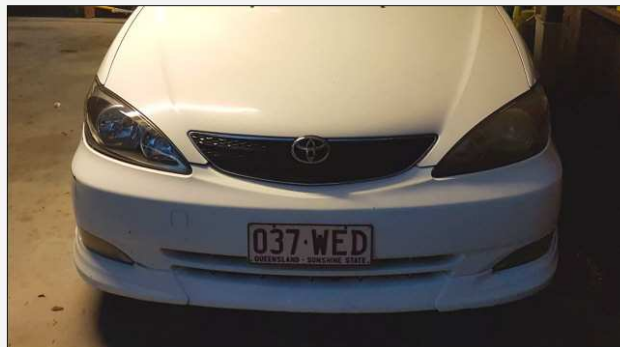
In addition, for specific offences classed as hooning—anti-social behaviour in a motor vehicle—police now have the power to **impound, immobilise and confiscate the vehicle you were driving** when you committed the offence - regardless of who owns that vehicle.



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Obscuring Your Number Plate. Whether on purpose (for nefarious reasons), or seemingly accidental reasons, it is against the law to obscure your number plate.

For most, this may happen when adding something like a bike rack to your car. But no matter how it might happen, your number plate should always be able to be read clearly, and not obscured (unless towing a trailer or caravan).



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Stop / Go / Slow Signs. During roadworks, special events, or perhaps in the case of an accident, you'll come across **Stop / Go / Slow** signs. They may be fixed and/or automated, or operated by road workers.

These must be obeyed. At all times, when faced with a **Slow** or **Go** sign, travel slowly through the section where these signs are visible.

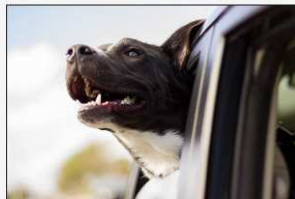


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Driving With Pets. There are some laws related to driving with animals in the car:

- A driver must not drive with an animal in the driver's lap.
- A motor cycle rider must not ride with an animal between the handlebars and the rider.
- Animals should be seated or housed in an appropriate area of the vehicle.
- Dogs on utes should be restrained either via a tether or cage, so that the dog cannot fall off or be injured when the vehicle moves.
- A driver, motorcycle rider, bicycle rider or passenger must not lead an animal, while the vehicle is moving.

For the sake of safety, your dog should be restrained when driving. If you stop suddenly, and a dog is not restrained, it can become a missile.



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Dogs in Cars. In many states, there is no specific law related to leaving dogs in cars, but if the dog is suffering, animal cruelty charges may be drawn up.

Cars heat up much more quickly than you can imagine. Dogs cannot sweat, so they find it difficult to reduce heat.

Organise things so that your dog(s) never have to be left alone in a car in the sun.



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Littering. Littering, by throwing items from your car as you are driving, will attract both a fine and you will accumulate license demerit points.

The driver is automatically held accountable for any littering that occurs from a car, but that driver will have the opportunity to nominate a passenger by name if that passenger was responsible for the littering.



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Horses. Horses, and horse drawn vehicles have rights on the road.

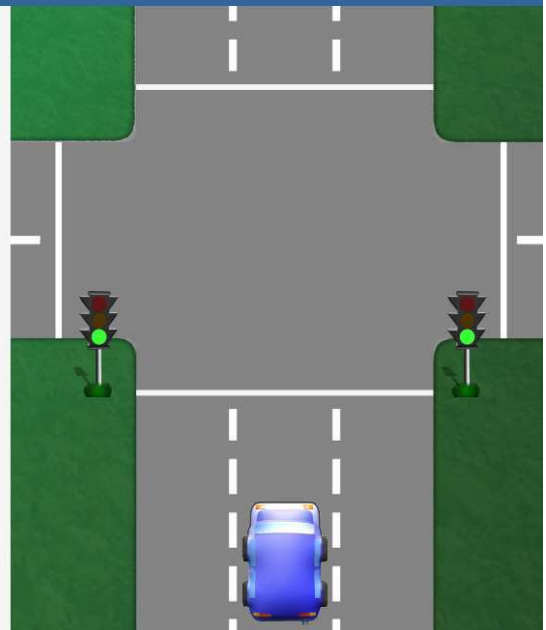
In general, treat horses, whether lead, ridden, or drawing a buggy with respect. Don't drive too closely. Don't alarm the animals. Stay clear if the horse rider appears to be having trouble.



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Changing Lanes While Crossing an Intersection. You are allowed by law to change lanes while crossing an intersection.

It is not, however, recommended - it could cause confusion with other drivers as to what your intentions are - changing lanes, or turning.



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Wide Wheels. Wide wheels might look cool. And in some cases, they can help car performance. But in others, they can hinder it.

If you want to upgrade your car with wider wheels, you'll need to check your local state regulations. Each state has slightly different rules, but in general, if you are going to increase the width of the wheels by more than about 25mm, you will have to seek permission to determine whether this is legal or not.



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Dark Window Tinting. All states ban window tinting that is too dark. It works on a visible light transmission principle, and it ranges from about 16% to 35%, based on which window is tinted (windscreen, as opposed to rear side windows, for example).

Reputable window tinting companies are fully aware of all window tinting laws in the states they operate, so this generally is only an issue for those who apply their own tinting. Check with your local roads department on local window tinting laws.



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Driving Without Shoes. Technically, it is not illegal to drive without shoes. And if you only have boots or shoes that are unsuitable for driving (say, high heels, or motorbike boots) it might be a good idea to remove them.

The bottom line is that you have to make a decision on the safest footwear attire when driving - and whether that means wearing no shoes at all.



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Leaving Your Car Unlocked. In Victoria and Queensland, it is illegal to leave your car unlocked if you are going to be more than 3m away from it.

Under the same circumstances, you are not allowed to have your windows down more than 5cm.



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Funeral Processions. It is against the law to interfere with or block any organized procession, or a funeral procession.

It is considered bad manners to place yourself within a funeral procession (signified by a line of cars with their lights on) line of cars, unless involved with the funeral.



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Road Rules. Below is a link for each state that will provide you with the most up to date road rules, penalties, and other information for drivers.

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Road Rule Amendments. Anytime you think you know all the road rules, any state may up and change them at any time.

Major road rule changes normally are advertised heavily so that everyone is aware of the new rules. But there are a wide range of other laws that can change, be added, or removed at any time.

Each state provides this information online - some a little better than others.

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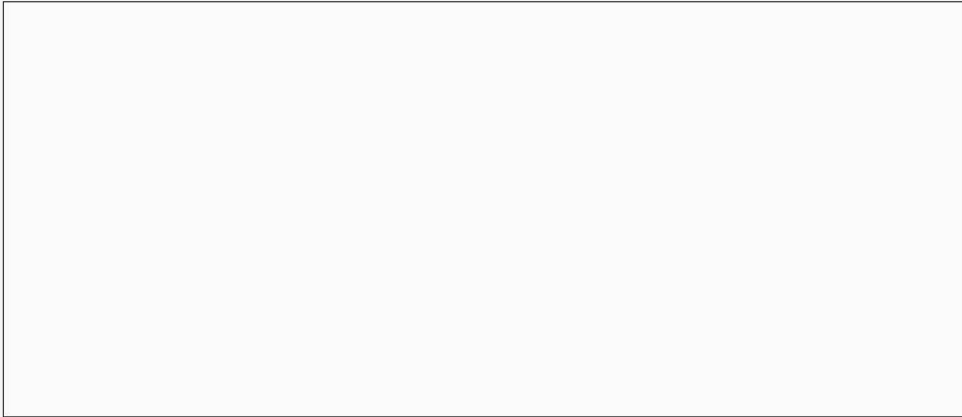
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