

Road Safety

We all have a role to play

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Back to school: Slow Down in 40 km/h School

Please take care around schools and adhere to the speed limits which are in place.



The school zone speed limit is designed to ensure motorists have a greater chance to react if something unexpected happens.

Children are also impulsive, unpredictable and inexperienced, which is why motorists need to exercise caution in the vicinity of a school.



Speeding through school zones greatly increases the risk to pedestrians as the faster a vehicle is travelling, the longer it takes to stop and the greater the severity of impact.

Distractions: Mobile phones

If you are using your mobile phone when driving, you are not as focussed on the road as you need to be.

Your attention is divided and your reactions are slower. You should:

- Switch your phone to silent
- Put your phone in the glove box
- Designate a passenger to do the texting so you can concentrate on driving.

STOP

Important information: school crossings



Today a familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. Their role is to ensure that pedestrians who cross the road at the school crossing do so in a safe manner.

They use a hand-held stop sign to stop traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. You must stop and wait until all pedestrians have crossed the road and the School Crossing Supervisor has returned to the footpath.

When children's crossing flags are on display, you must stop and give way to any pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a School Crossing Supervisor is present or not).

Around schools, slow down, observe speed limits and obey directions from School Crossing Supervisors.

Keep our kids and our School Crossing Supervisors safe.

Be ready to ride...

How to be a safe cyclist

- Follow the road rules
- Always wear a helmet
- Maintain your bike
- Be safe, Be seen
- Give way to pedestrians
- Remember to use your bell
- Be alert



Tips for safe driving and parking

- Allow enough time to get your child/children to the school gate safely without rushing.
- Consider parking a few streets away and walk your child/children to school. This is also good for teaching your children road safety skills.
- Always observe the speed limit signs around the school.
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school. These are designed to keep children safe.
- Never park illegally across a driveway, on the nature strip, near a school crossing, or in a bus zone.
- Never double park. Double parking blocks the vision of other drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.



Pedestrian safety

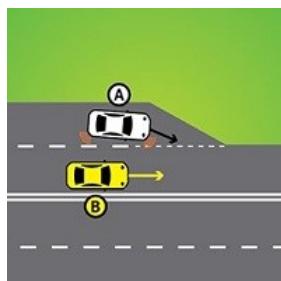
- Cross at traffic signals, zebra crossings, or a pedestrian overpass, avoid crossing mid-block.
- Stay alert and avoid distractions such as using mobile phones and iPods.
- Make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the kerb.
- Always look for turning vehicles.
- Never run across the road.
- Always hold a child's hand.

Queensland Road Rules Merging

Did you know... There are two different road rules for merging?

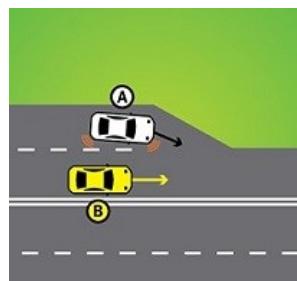
1. On roads where there are lanes marked on the road

If your lane comes to an end, you must give way to traffic already in the lane you are moving to. In this example, Vehicle A (white) must give way to Vehicle B (yellow).



2. On roads where there are no lanes marked on the road

When lanes of traffic merge, you must give way to any vehicle that is ahead of you. In this example, Vehicle B (yellow) must give way to Vehicle A (white). Lines of traffic refers to adjacent rows of vehicles that do not have a lane separation line between them.



TIP: School travel options

Have you tried walking, cycling or catching public transport with your children?

Parking away from the school and walking part of the way may even save you time during peak pick up times.

