

Hydro Tasmania

SAFETY BRIEF

Driving safety

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Summary

Recent driving-related incidents reported in the system remind us that travel on our roads can expose us to a large variety of hazardous conditions. In recent weeks, we've had stone chips, minor collisions, evasive manoeuvres, and fallen trees and that's only the ones we know about.

Because of the number of kilometres we travel, the changeability of Tasmanian road conditions, and the unpredictability of other road users, driving remains one of Hydro Tasmania's biggest risk exposures.

The good news: with proper planning and following the tips below, driving can remain a safe activity.

Photos



Message

Let's focus on what makes a difference:

- **Check your mindset** – stay alert and be open to adjusting your habits.
- **Speak up** – raise any concerns if you notice unsafe driving or a driver isn't fit to drive.
- **Assess fatigue and wellbeing** – monitor how you feel before and during travel.
- **Plan ahead** – check weather and road conditions (fires, storms, wind etc.).
- **Know your route** – if heading into a new region, contact local teams for advice.
- **Vehicle readiness** – complete pre-start checks and confirm it's fit for purpose.
- **Secure your load** – check cargo in the cabin, tray, or trailer.
- **Drive to conditions** – slow down in poor weather or on gravel roads.
- **Take breaks** – schedule regular breaks and share the drive where possible on longer trips.
- **Pause and reassess** – if conditions change, stop in a safe place and use a Take 5 to reassess.
- **Extra care in roadworks** – slow down and keep a safe distance from vehicles in front.
- **Holiday traffic** – expect higher volumes and tourists unfamiliar with local roads.