



# Safety Alert

## Driving in Wet and Slippery Conditions

### Scenario

With the change of season, many parts of Australia will experience more regular rainfall. As such, roads may become slippery both through the rain as well as any materials washed onto the road.

Wet and slippery roads are a considerable road hazard condition and has contributed to many traffic accidents.

The following points are aimed to raise the driver's awareness and assist in preventing dangerous situations.

### Actions

Always ensure you have conducted a 'Prestart check' of the vehicle to ensure full serviceability, particularly

- Check the tread of all tyres and ensure the tyre pressures are within manufacturers recommendations.
- Check your windscreen wipers as you need clear vision at all times and ensure all your lights work.
- Also, ensure that you and your passengers wear seatbelts at all times.

Recognise potential hazards - road conditions can quickly change without notice.

Be aware that any vehicle will behave differently in wet and slippery conditions, especially when towing, and **adjust your driving** accordingly, especially

- Reduce your speed
- Increase the distance kept to vehicle in front
- Slow down when approaching corners
- Break your vehicle more gently than in dry conditions
- Drive defensively!

**These simple steps above could save yours and other peoples' lives.**

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