



Please dial Triple Zero (000) if you need emergency assistance.

While travelling in the region, the following Police Stations are available 24 hours if non-urgent assistance is required:

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| Charleville | 07 4654 1200 |
| Dalby       | 07 4669 9222 |
| Roma        | 07 4622 9333 |

To learn more about safe driving practices, please visit [www.originenergy.com.au/community](http://www.originenergy.com.au/community) or [www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au)



## Driving safe in country Queensland

Important information and tips you need to know from the Queensland Police Service.



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# Road safety is everyone's responsibility

The Queensland Police Service and Origin have worked together to bring you these country road driving tips.

This brochure has been designed to help you and your family and friends travel safely while you visit country Queensland.

Please take the time to read through this brochure carefully and plan your driving trip.

## Leading causes of incidents on country roads

- fatigue
- inattention
- animal collisions
- speed
- loss of control
- inexperience



## Country road driving tips

- **Rest regularly.** On long trips, drivers should break for 15 minutes every 2 hours. Better yet, share the driving with a family member or friend.
- **Obey speed limits.** Speeding impairs a driver's ability to make a sudden stop or react to avoid hazards.
- **Drive with your headlights on low during daylight hours.** It can make it easier for oncoming traffic to see you.
- **Let family and friends know your travel plans.** Carry a road map and if you change your plans, be sure to let someone know.
- **Watch out for wildlife.** Native animals are often seen near roads. Please take care to avoid collisions with our native wildlife.
- **Beware of soft edges.** Many country roads have grass or dirt raised edges. Be aware that these edges may be soft, muddy or have loose gravel when pulling over.
- **Watch for heavy vehicles.** Some heavy vehicles can be up to 55m long. If overtaking, flash your lights to warn the driver and allow plenty of distance to pass the vehicle (at least 1km), and be careful of soft edges on the road.
- **Keep left.** If a road train or other heavy vehicle is coming towards you on a single vehicle road, or overtaking you, slow down and move as far to the left as possible.
- **Consider other drivers.** Please share the roads responsibly. Maintain at least a two second gap between your car and the vehicle in front of you.
- **Check road conditions.** Country (especially dirt) road conditions can change rapidly. You can check with the RACQ or Police to make sure roads are passable or suitable for your vehicle to travel.
- **Watch out for trains.** Freight trains operate throughout the country. Slow down as you approach a railway crossing and check to see if any trains are approaching.
- **Don't cross flooded roads.** Flooded roads can be very dangerous – even shallow water can sweep your vehicle away. Find an alternate route, or wait for the water level to drop and it is safe to proceed.
- **Take care when caravanning.** Regularly check your vehicles for signs of brake, suspension and tyre faults. Be sure to check the coupling between your vehicle and caravan before setting out each day.
- **Look out for road kill.** To avoid damaging the underside of your vehicle, slow down and drive around the carcass. Running over old road kill can puncture tyres and cause slow leaks.
- **Consider undertaking additional driver training.** Participating in programs which enhance your defensive driving skills could better prepare you for varying road conditions.