

Don't get washed away

“ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS” are LEAGAL and FINES are up to \$1000 per tyre!

Preparation for a water crossing:

Not deep but too fast



- Depth is the first thing
 - 300mm is 'ok'
 - 500mm hits the side
 - 800mm is too deep
- Flow is deceptive, there can easily be many tonnes of force against the car.
- Walk it first. If you cant, don't drive it.
- Cars are initially buoyant.
- Once you have walked it;
- Take off your seatbelt and wind your windows down (escape option)
- Use low range, second gear at 1500 to 2000rpm
- Create a bow wave and chase it
- Be consistent with speed
- Avoid wheel spin and braking.
- Any doubt? Don't do it.

Water crossings are best avoided and if you haven't had formal training, best left alone.

Handy things to know;

Floods can occur almost anywhere and can continue to rise after the rain has stopped. Roadways under the water level can be washed away causing further danger with a water crossing.

Don't attempt a water crossing if:

- There is a road closure sign
- The water is fast running
- You are unable to test the crossing on foot safely
- When a bridge is submerged
- Posts on the side of the road are short or cannot be seen (high water level)
- If you cannot check the depth safely
- If you have no experience
- or have any doubt
- The road is known to have large potholes.

The dangers are obvious once water subsides



IF IN DOUBT, DON'T ENTER THE WATER