

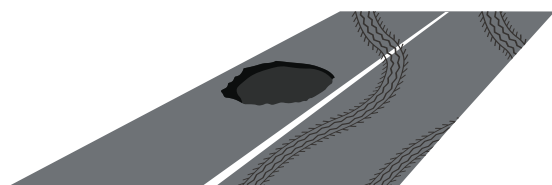
Introduction

Water seeps into cracks in the road's surface which can cause the surface to weaken and split. Combined with pressure from vehicles large pieces of asphalt can come loose, creating a pothole.

Following Victoria's 2022 October floods

43,000

potholes have been repaired



The Dangers

Drivers often swerve to miss potholes which increases the risk of hitting oncoming traffic.

Hitting a pothole can cause severe damage to:

- Tyres
- Brake suspension
- Exhaust
- Vehicle body



The cost of potholes

1/2

of Australia's public road budget is spent on maintenance and repairs.

Following the la Nina rain and flooding, the cost of repairing potholes across Australia is expected to reach

\$4 billion

How to safely drive on a road with potholes

Keep your distance and keep your hands on the wheel to recognize, react, and respond appropriately.



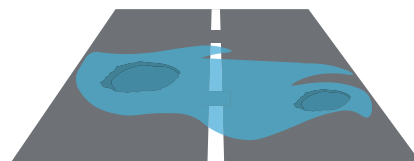
Stay alert! Be mindful of where other drivers are on the road.



Drive to the conditions. Potholes are more common at night and on unpaved roads.



Be aware puddles can be hiding large potholes underneath them.



Do NOT swerve! You could lose control of your vehicle or be placed in another vehicle's path.



How to safely drive over a pothole

Sometimes, a pothole cannot be avoided, and you must drive over it.

- When approaching a pothole, maintain a firm grip on the steering wheel.
- Slow down but release your brakes before impact, as applying the brakes on impact can cause more damage to your vehicle.

