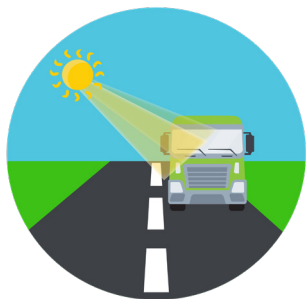


Driving in Heavy Weather Conditions

Drivers will often experience challenging weather conditions on the road. Adverse weather events can affect driving safety; in particular, heavy vehicle crashes with more severe levels of injury have been linked to greater wind speeds, increased rain, warmer temperatures, and lower humidity levels ⁽¹⁾.



Driving with Caution

- In heavy weather conditions, drivers should slow down and drive with extreme care.
- As the stopping distance can be increased in wet and icy weather, drivers should allow extra space between their vehicle and the vehicle in front.
- If weather impairs visibility, drivers should turn on their headlights.

96 people passed away in Australia as a result of a vehicle-related flood fatality during 2001-2017, ⁽³⁾.



Flooded Roads

- Never drive through flooded roads.
- Travelling through flooded roads may produce a build-up of debris in the vehicle which may create mechanical issues.
- Contact with water may cause some vehicle components to overheat due to a lack of air movement.
- Excess water may also damage the electrical systems and the brakes.
- Always check the vehicle following contact with water on the road ⁽²⁾.



The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has advised "If it's flooded, forget it" ⁽²⁾.