



Horses in traffic

Information for motorists and horse riders

In Sydney and around suburban and regional New South Wales you may come across horses on or beside the road. Horses can be unpredictable and easily scared so it's important to take extra care when driving near them.



Driving near **horses**

Information for motorists

- In NSW, horse riders have the right to share our roads. They have the same rights and responsibilities as other drivers, motorcycle riders and bike riders.
- Be aware that horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable.
- Slow down and take extra care on bends, crests and on narrow roads, particularly in areas close to horse riding schools or where you see warning signage.
- If you're passing a horse, whether it's being ridden or led, or is pulling a vehicle, remember to:
 - o slow down and allow plenty of room when overtaking
 - o never use your horn or rev your engine as this could scare the horse.
- It's not just about leaving enough room while passing a horse, it's about not driving too fast or making loud noises that might scare them.
- If you are involved in a crash, you are required to stop and provide relevant information such as contact details and vehicle registration. If someone is injured, call Triple Zero (000). If a horse is injured, contact the nearest vet.
- Ensure you are familiar with and follow any warning signs alerting you to the presence of horses.



Riding near traffic

Information for horse riders

- Use horse trails where possible. If you have to ride on the road:
 - o always obey road rules
 - o avoid tight corners and crests and instead ride on roads where motorists have a good line of sight
 - o ride on the left hand side of the road in the same direction as the traffic
 - o use clear hand signals to notify motorists of intent to turn.
- You are permitted to walk or ride your horse on footpaths and nature strips unless specifically prohibited and provided you give way to pedestrians at all times.
- Ride during daylight hours and wear bright coloured clothing.
- You can ride side-by-side with another horse rider as long as there is enough space to ride safely and stay within 1.5 metres of each other.
- You should always wear a helmet that meets Australian standards.

**For more information visit
transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety**



Look out for all animals on the road



Livestock, horse riders and wildlife can be found on the roads in rural and remote areas. Keep alert and be prepared to slow down and give way to avoid a collision.



Report injured wildlife by calling WIRES on **1300 094 737**, or use the **IFAW Wildlife rescue** app to find a suitable wildlife rescue organisation for your location.

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