

# Animals on country roads

Tips for staying safe



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# Take care around animals on country roads

Animal collisions can pose a big risk on country roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Wildlife, such as kangaroos, as well as livestock, can be fast and unpredictable. When they stray onto the road, it's hard to know what they'll do next. Slowing down and staying alert can help keep everyone safe.



## Tips for staying safe

### Reduce speed

Slow down and look out for wildlife on or near the roadside.

### Brake safely

Apply your brakes in a careful, controlled manner. Leave space and pass with care when it is safe to do so.

### Never swerve

Take great care if you manoeuvre to avoid an animal. You may lose control of your vehicle if you swerve too harshly.

### Stay alert

Animals are more active near waterholes and creeks, and harder to see at sunrise and sunset. They can be quick and unpredictable. Expect the unexpected.

### Follow animal warning signs

Take note of warning signs alerting you to the presence of animals in the area. If you see these signs, slow down, stay alert and be prepared to stop if required.

### Report injured wildlife

Call WIRES on 1300 094 737 or use the IFAW Wildlife Rescue App. ([ifaw.org/au/resources/wildlife-rescue-app](https://ifaw.org/au/resources/wildlife-rescue-app))

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