Flooded roads can be very dangerous. Shallow water can be deceptive and easily sweep a vehicle away. Water that appears calm on the surface, poses a risk of strong currents and debris under the surface. Many northern rivers and creeks are home to crocodiles!

**IF IT’S FLOODED, FORGET IT!**

Drive to the road conditions.

Please stay safe.

Everyday, every day.

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Queensland is a great place to live, but we need locals and visitors alike to stay safe on our roads. By using a common sense approach to road safety, following the road rules and driving to the conditions we can all experience Queensland safely!

Remember the Fatal Five contributing factors in all crashes:

**DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING**

The best advice is simply “do not drive” whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs. PLAN AHEAD:

✓ Make alternative transport plans
✓ Organise a driver who will not be drinking or using any other drugs
✓ Use public transport or ‘grab a cab’
✓ Stay overnight
✓ Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about the potential affect a medication may have on your driving and be aware of the dangers of mixing medications and consuming alcohol.

**DISTRACTION AND INATTENTION**

Too many drivers are distracted by things like mobile phones, complex sound systems, on-board DVD players and satellite navigation, to name a few. Using your mobile phone whilst driving increases your risk of having a serious or fatal crash.

**FATIGUE**

No matter how experienced a driver is, driving when tired causes crashes. Warning signs include, wandering over lane lines, changes in speed, poor concentration, boredom, restlessness, yawning, drowsiness, head nodding and micro sleeps. Get a good night sleep before travelling, take frequent breaks (every two hours), share driving, avoid travelling long distances and rest.

**SEAT BELTS**

Wear your seat belt at all times when travelling in a vehicle, even if you are only travelling a few kilometres. Ensure all occupants are safely restrained before moving. Seat belts and restraints must be fitted correctly with extra care given to fitting children into age appropriate child restraints approved by Australian standards.

**SPEEDING**

Speed kills. Driving too fast for weather, light, traffic, driver skills, vehicle and road conditions will increase your risk of a crash. Always stay within the speed limit posted however in poor conditions reduce your speed and drive to those conditions. Wet roads increase stopping distances.

**COUNTRY DRIVING**

Planning and preparation are the key for any road trip. Extra care should be taken on country or remote roads as many are unsealed:

✓ Advise a trusted friend / relative where you are going and when to expect your return. Advise if you alter the plan
✓ Ensure you have safety equipment and communications
✓ Check road conditions before each leg
✓ If your vehicle breaks down – Stay with it!
✓ Drive with headlights on day and night to increase visibility
✓ Beware of soft edges and loose gravel on roads
✓ Allow at least 1km of passing distance when overtaking heavy vehicles
✓ Approaching oncoming heavy vehicles and wide load pilots, slow down, keep far left or stop
✓ Beware of wildlife and cattle grazing near roads at all times. Undersides of vehicles can be damaged when driving over road kill.

**ROAD SAFETY. EVERYBODY, EVERY DAY.**