



# Extreme Rain Driving Safety Checklist

A practical guide for safer driving in heavy rain and flooded conditions in Australia.



## 1 Before You Drive



Prepare your vehicle and plan ahead.

-  Check tyre condition and tread depth (minimum 1.5 mm)
-  Replace worn wiper blades and top up washer fluid
-  Make sure headlights, brake lights and indicators work
-  Check brakes and fluid levels
-  Pack an emergency kit: torch, reflective vest, first aid kit, water, blankets, snacks, fully charged phone / power bank
-  Check weather warnings and road conditions before leaving



## 2 Safe Driving in Extreme Rain



Drive to the conditions and stay in control.

-  Slow down and increase following distance
-  Use smooth steering, braking and acceleration
-  Turn on low-beam headlights (avoid high beams)
-  Watch for standing water, debris, hidden potholes and damaged roads
-  If hydroplaning occurs, ease off the accelerator and steer gently until traction returns
-  Never drive through deep or fast-moving floodwater — turn around and find another route
-  Pull over somewhere safe if visibility becomes too poor to continue

## 3 If an Emergency Happens



Stay calm. Act quickly. Keep yourself safe.

-  Call **000** in an emergency
-  Give your location and explain the situation clearly
-  Stay in your vehicle if it is safer to do so
-  Turn on hazard lights and signal for help
-  Keep clear of floodwater and traffic lanes
-  If water rises dangerously or enters the vehicle, move to higher ground only if it is safe

### Who Responds?

In any emergency, dial 000.



**Fire Rescue** – Vehicle rescue, extrication, fire incidents and dangerous situations.



**Police** – Traffic control, crash response and keeping the community safe.



**Ambulance** – Medical emergencies and urgent health care.








**SES** – Flood, storm and tsunami assistance, search and rescue, and emergency help.



### SAFETY REMINDER

Think Before You Drive!

-  Never drive through floodwater.
-  Delay travel if conditions are severe.
-  Stay calm and stay informed.
-  Prepare your vehicle before the wet season.
-  Your safety is more important than reaching your destination.

