



Tuesday 31 March 2009

Take Care On Wet Roads!

Ambulance Responds to 60 Motor Vehicle Collisions in Sydney

Several hours of heavy rain today have kept Paramedic crews busy. Ambulances in the Sydney region have been dispatched to over 60 Motor vehicle collisions so far today.

Ambulance would like to remind the community that during wet weather, drivers should take extra care on the roads as these conditions result in reduced visibility, flooding and slippery road surfaces which make driving particularly hazardous.

We would also like to remind drivers that they need to take extra care around school zones and also when passing school busses that are picking up & dropping off children.

For your own safety and the safety of other road users, drivers need to adjust their driving behaviour to suit these changing conditions.

Drivers are being advised to:

- > Please slow down!
- > Allow extra distance between you and the vehicle in front especially when driving behind heavy goods vehicles.
- > Watch out for other cars, particularly drivers who may not be as confident as you are in this weather and may brake suddenly.
- > During intensely heavy bouts of rain which reduce visibility, consider pulling over at a safe spot and wait for the rain to subside before resuming travel.
- > Drive with your headlights on day and night.
- > Ensure that your tyres have reasonable tread depth and are pumped to correct pressure.
- > Watch out for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. They may not be as visible as other vehicles.
- > Drive with care and caution and always expect the unexpected!
- > Think of your loved ones and get home safely this afternoon.

In the event of a medical emergency **dial Triple Zero, ask for Ambulance** and remain on the line whilst details of the emergency are obtained and an Ambulance is despatched.

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