



# Tips for driving safely in summer

Driving in the Australian summer poses unique challenges due to extreme temperatures and variable weather.

Here are some summer driving hazards to keep in mind, along with tips for safe driving.



## Stay hydrated and protected from the heat

Australian summers can bring scorching temperatures and intense sunlight. Keep drinking water in the car, and use sunshades to protect your vehicle's interior.



## Keep informed about bushfires in your area

Australia is prone to bushfires in summer, which can cause poor air quality, reduced visibility, and road closures. If driving through a smoky area, turn on your headlights, close air vents and windows, and look for alternative routes away from the smoke.



## Beware of wildlife on the road

Drive cautiously, especially during dawn and dusk when wildlife is more active. Animals will often approach roads looking for water and food. Pay attention to road signs indicating wildlife-prone areas and use high beams at night in safe conditions to spot animals on the road.



## Be prepared for flash flooding

Avoid driving through flooded areas, as even shallow water can pose a significant risk. Read more about what to do if you're [driving in a flooded area](#).



## Electric Vehicle (EV) specific tips

- ▶ EV charging speed might slow in very hot conditions. Some EVs and charging stations have systems in place to manage this automatically.
- ▶ You can precondition the interior temperature while your vehicle is still plugged in to help cool down the cabin without draining the EV battery.
- ▶ Hot weather can affect the estimated range of an EV due to increased use of air conditioning.



## Maintain your regular service schedule

Fleet vehicle drivers should always ensure routine maintenance is completed. If you have any concerns regarding the drivability of your vehicle, book it into a dealership or service centre to be inspected.

On the road, you can always contact **Custom Fleet roadside assistance** for support.