

UNSEALED ROADS QUICK FACTS



Background

Not all roads are sealed with bitumen. Driving on unsealed roads can be more difficult than driving on bitumen.

Sources: <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/road-safety/driving-safely/driving-conditions/#unsealed>

Causes of crashes on unsealed roads

- Loss-of-control
- Driving too fast for conditions
- Drivers engaging in risky behaviour (various, including alcohol)
- Drivers failing to keep left
- Driver inexperience
- Restricted visibility
- Road surface and cross-section issues
- Poor signage and delineation



Source: Boschert, L., Pyta, V., Turner, B. (2008) 'Crashes on Unsealed Roads'; 23rd AARR Conference

Tips

- **Slow down.** Dust may be disguising an oncoming vehicle, pot holes, loose gravel and slippery mud patches
- **Turn on your headlights where visibility is poor.** Consider stopping if you can't see the road in front of you
- **Dry weather** can create dusty conditions and limit your visibility
- **Wet weather** can make roads muddy, slippery and boggy
- If you are not used to driving on unsealed roads, remember they can be very **narrow**

