

DANGEROUS ROAD USERS

Just don't care? **Just drive responsibly!**

Unsafe behaviours put every road user at risk

Dangerous road users are people who show a clear disregard for road rules and the safety of others. Even one risky decision can lead to a life-changing crash.

These behaviours don't just threaten the driver, they endanger passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, other road users and drivers.

What does dangerous driving look like?

Dangerous driving can take many forms. Some behaviours are obvious, while others may seem minor but still carry serious risks.

Examples include:

- Careless driving – not paying proper attention or no headlights at night.
- Failing to maintain control – drifting, weaving or struggling to manage the vehicle.
- Tailgating – following too closely.
- Speeding – the faster the speed, the worse the consequences.
- Street racing – racing on public roads.
- Burnouts, donuts and sustained wheel spins – deliberately losing traction or spinning the wheels.
- Drink or drug driving – impaired and unable to make safe decisions.

Each of these behaviours increases the likelihood of a serious or fatal crash.

Unlicensed, suspended and disqualified drivers

People who drive without a licence or with a suspended or disqualified licence are considered dangerous road users.

Why?

- Many unlicensed drivers have never completed the required testing to ensure they can drive safely.
- Those who are suspended or disqualified have lost their licence for a reason, often due to previous unsafe behaviour.
- By choosing to drive anyway, they show a willingness to break the law regardless of the consequences.

These drivers pose a significant risk to everyone on the road.

What to do if you see dangerous driving

If you witness behaviour that could put others in danger, you can help keep our roads safe.

Report dangerous driving by calling **Police Assistance on 131 444**.

Provide as much detail as possible, including:

- time, date and location
- vehicle details – make, model, colour and registration
- description of the driver and passengers (if safe to observe)
- what you saw – the behaviour that made you concerned.

Never put yourself at risk to obtain information. Your safety comes first.

Penalties

Dangerous driving comes with serious consequences.

Penalties can include:

- fines
- imprisonment
- licence disqualification
- accumulation of demerit points
- vehicle impoundment or forfeiture.

These penalties reflect the seriousness of putting other road users at risk.

Make safe choices. Help keep SA roads safe.

Everyone has a responsibility to follow the rules and look out for each other on the road.

Reporting unsafe behaviour can prevent tragedy – your call could save a life.

About the SA Police Road Safety Centre

The SA Police Road Safety Centre leads the way in road safety education across South Australia. Our programs help reduce road trauma by building the awareness, knowledge, and skills of all road users – supporting safer journeys through lifelong learning.

Want to learn more?

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