

Safe Driving Saves Lives



In a Life Threatening Emergency
Dial 000
 For Police, Fire, Ambulance
 any time, Day or Night for
 24-Hour Service

This is a free call and will be answered by an operator who will connect you to the Police, Fire or Ambulance emergency services. (All calls to 000 are voice recorded and may be disclosed to emergency service organizations and as otherwise authorised by law.)

All road safety issues should be reported immediately:

Police	9164 8444
Hospital	9164 8333
Parks Australia	9164 8700
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Christmas Island Road Safety Guide

Christmas Island has a network of well maintained roads ranging from **Sealed Roads** within the residential area, **Formed Unsealed Roads** which are the primary mining haul roads and **4 wheel Drive Roads** that access areas within the National Park.

The Central Road Authority manages the maintenance of all the roads. Western Australian Road Traffic Laws apply and drivers must be in possession of a current drivers licence appropriate to the vehicle they are driving.

1. Sealed Roads

The majority of Sealed Roads are found within the residential area. Parking restrictions including disabled parking are found within the residential area. When driving on these roads be aware of the following hazards:

- Roads may be slippery when wet due to
 - Poor quality sealing aggregate
 - Phosphate dust
 - Accumulation of leaves & vegetation
- Speed limits range from 40 - 60 kmph
- Line markings tend to go black during the day but are most visible at night
- One way roads are found on the Island in some built up areas

2. Formed Unsealed Roads

A network of Formed Unsealed Roads make up the main haul road for mining operations on the Island. (refer to the map) Some of the hazards are:

- Mine haul roads
- Wide and dusty
- Slippery, may have loose gravel on the surface
- Road maintenance teams operate regularly
- Suitable for 2 & 4 Wheel Drive

3. 4-Wheel Drive Tracks

Throughout the Island and particularly within the National Park, there are many 4-Wheel drive tracks that provide access to places of interest such as unique rain forest and isolated beaches. Caution is needed when driving as:

- Tracks are not suitable for 2-Wheel drive vehicles
- May encounter some steep, slippery slopes
- Loose surface material may cause tracks to be slippery
- Fallen trees may block tracks
- Blind corners exist
- Some tracks are narrow with dense vegetation - be aware of oncoming vehicles
- Crabs and birds may be found on tracks - be patient and help protect our wildlife
- Drive as fast as conditions allow (10-40 kmph)

4. Speed Zones

There are several speed zones found on the Island:

- School Zones - 40kmph 7 - 8.30am & 2 - 3.30pm School Days
- Local Zones - 40kmph
- Other Speed Zones as per posted speed limits eg 50kmph, 60kmph etc

Please abide by the times and speed limits imposed. Maximum Speed Limit outside the residential area is 90kmph unless otherwise signposted.

5. Traffic Lights

There are two sets of traffic lights found on the Island:

1. Smiths Point road leading to Tai Jin House
 These lights also have a flashing yellow light to indicate pedestrians are on the road. If you wish to walk along this road please push the pedestrian button to activate the yellow light.
2. Mobile Traffic Lights are used for road maintenance works

6. Mining Operations

Christmas Island Phosphates have been operating on the Island for many years. Be aware of the following hazards:

- Road Trains & heavy plant operate day & night
- Road Trains travel up to 90kmph and take a long distance to stop
- Road Trains are approximately 39 metres long
- Road Trains generate a lot of dust, so be aware when overtaking and passing
- Look both ways before entering the haul road
- Road maintenance teams regularly work on the road

7. Pedestrians

There are 7 pedestrian crossing points within the residential area, located at:

- Kampong (2 crossings)
- Poon Saan Shops
- Poon Saan Community Hall
- Supermarket
- Post Office
- School

Please drive with care and give way to pedestrians.

8. Runners / Walkers / Cyclists

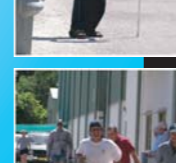
Many people use the roads for exercise such as running, walking and cycling. Slow down when approaching and passing, particularly on narrow roads. The Island also holds many community events such as the Christmas Island Marathon, bike races, wheelbarrow and billy cart races. Please be aware of these events and obey any directions provided by event marshalls.

9. Schools

There are three schools found on the Island:

- Christmas Island District High School located at Drumsite
- The Tom Paterson Centre (Kindergarten) located in Settlement
- The Islamic School located at the Kampong

Take care at school crossings. Police undertake regular speed checks within School Zones.



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