

A checklist for a safe journey

Before you leave on your trip ask yourself:

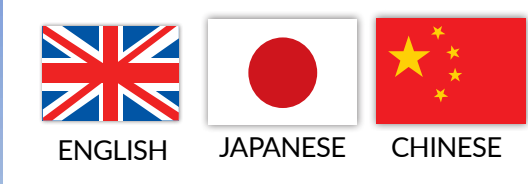
- Have I checked the road conditions? Freecall 1800 246 199 or visit www.roadreport.nt.gov.au.
- Is the vehicle safe and packed correctly? Check tyres, headlights, turning lights, brakes, radiator, transmission, battery and windscreen wipers.
- Does my trip include regular breaks along the way? At least every two hours.
- Do I have extra food, fuel and water in case of an emergency breakdown? Help may not be possible for many hours, particularly at night.
- If you are hiring a vehicle, does your hire agreement allow you to drive on unsealed or flooded roads?
- Is everyone well rested before departing?

When on the road, ask yourself:

- Am I driving the car on the left-hand side of the road?
- Is everyone wearing a seat belt or in a child car restraint?
- Is the driver yawning, tired or experiencing blurred vision? If yes, pull over and have a rest or share the driving.
- Is my car suitable to drive on unsealed roads such as gravel or dirt roads?

Additional safety tips:

- If you encounter a flooded road, make sure you know it is safe to cross before attempting to traverse it.
- Never exceed the wading depth for the vehicle (refer to the owner’s manual) and if in doubt, wait for the water level to drop or find another route to get to your destination safely.
- Never attempt to cross fast flowing water and always expect damage to the road surface underneath the water even if you can not see it.
- Continue to check road conditions daily during your trip as conditions can change quickly.
- Turn off your mobile phone, even if it is hands free. It is a distraction.
- If possible travel during daylight.
- Slow down during dusk and dawn and stay alert for animals both on and beside the road.
- Check your fuel, radiator, battery and tyre pressure daily.
- If your car breaks down, always stay with your vehicle.



Driving in the Northern Territory

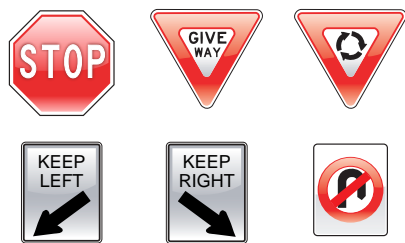
Road Safety and Trip Planning for Travellers



Common road signs

Regulatory signs

These signs are to control traffic, and MUST be obeyed. Most of these are rectangular but some such as Stop and Give Way have special shapes. These special shapes ensure they are recognised from any direction.



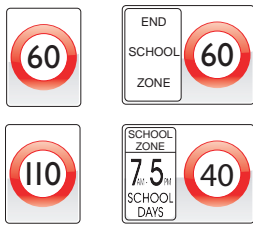
Warning signs

Warning signs are to alert drivers in advance of changing road conditions or directions. They are usually yellow and diamond shaped. When you see one of these signs or a similar shaped yellow sign you should slow down and take extra care.



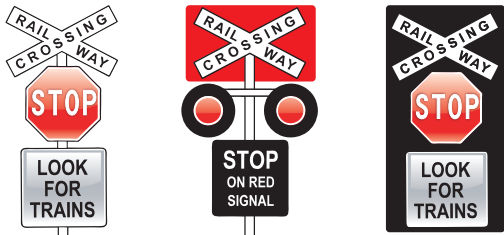
Speed signs

A speed zone is shown by a number in a red circle. The number in the circle is the maximum speed (km/h) that you may travel. You should always drive at a safe speed to suit the conditions.



Train signs

Trains are a part of life in the Northern Territory, so always expect a train at a railway crossing. Trains can't stop quickly and have the right of way over cars and pedestrians. Remember to obey all signs and signals, be extra careful at night and check there is enough space on the other side before you cross the railway line.



Driving tips for different road types

Sealed roads

Sealed roads are accessible by all vehicle types and are well signposted. Road surfaces are smooth but the shoulders on roads may be soft, so care should be taken. Reduce speed before nearing the road edge and be cautious of edge drop offs and loose stones. Sealed roads can also be prone to flooding, so always check road conditions on the toll free number 1800 246 199 or visit www.roadreport.nt.gov.au. Before exiting a sealed road, be sure that your vehicle suits the new road conditions. If you are not experienced in outback driving, it is advisable to stay on the sealed road.

Unsealed roads

Unsealed road surfaces may vary from a gravel road to a graded natural surface (dirt) road. Two wheel drive (2WD) vehicles can be driven on most gravel roads but four wheel drive (4WD) vehicles are recommended for natural surface roads. During wet weather some gravel roads may require a 4WD vehicle especially at river/creek crossings. Dust on unsealed roads may obscure your vision and conceal ruts and potholes. You should reduce your speed when driving in these conditions. During wet weather, postpone your trip on unsealed roads until the road surface has stabilised. Always take care when overtaking and turn your lights on to increase your visibility to other drivers.

Four wheel drive (4WD)

A four wheel drive road should not be entered unless you are driving a 4WD vehicle. Always advise a friend where you are planning to go and when you expect to return. Surfaces on these roads are extremely variable and you may encounter very difficult and dangerous driving conditions. It is important that you are familiar with the type of vehicle and aware of its limitations. Ensure that the 4WD function has been engaged.

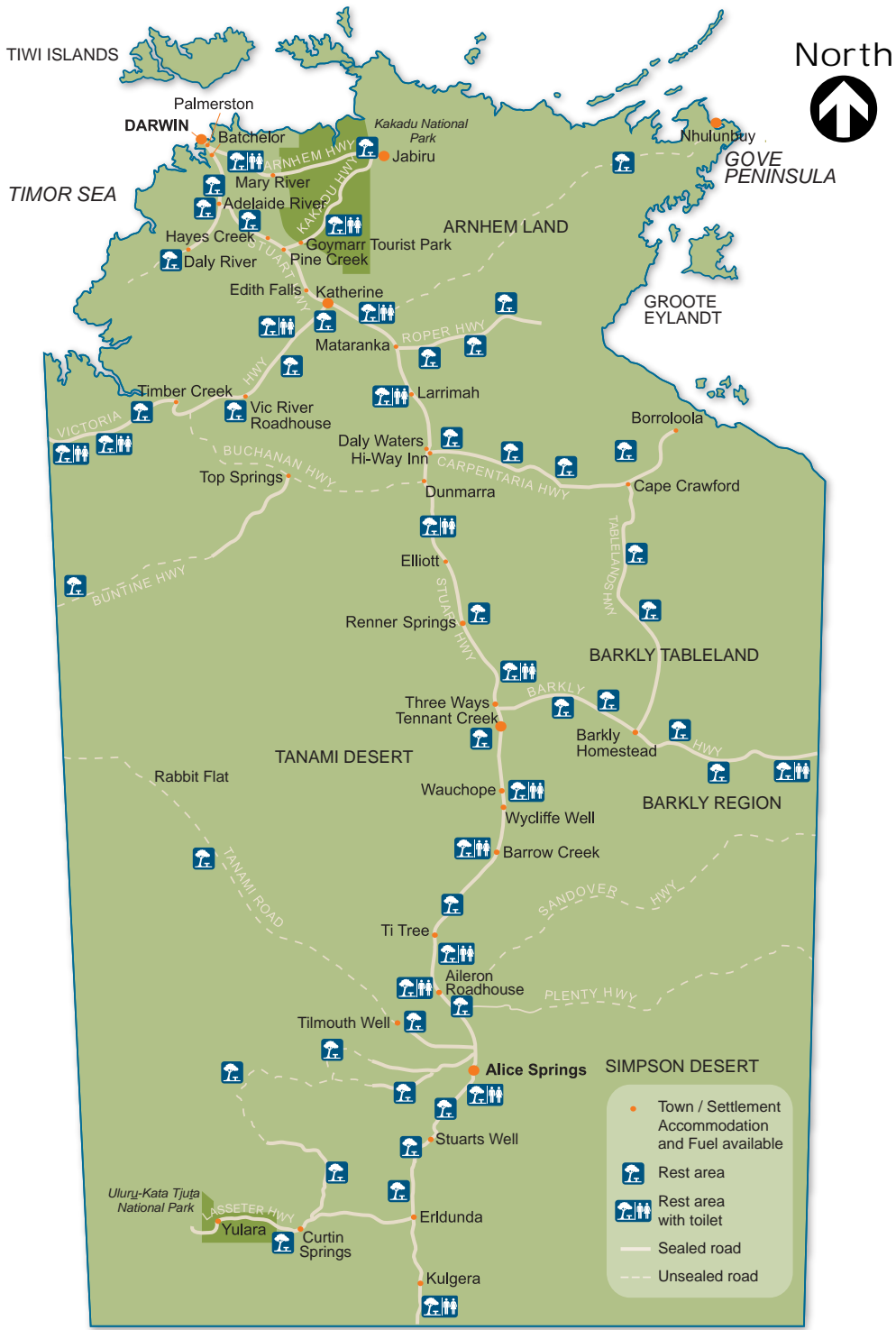
Distances to major centres (In kilometres)

Source: Google Maps

	Alice Springs	Barkly Homestead	Barrow Creek	Borroloola	Cape Crawford	Daly Waters	Darwin	Dunmarra	Elliott	Erdunda	Hi-Way Inn	Jabiru	Katherine	Kulgera	Larrimah	Mataranka	Renner Springs	Tennant Creek	Three Ways	Timber Creek	Ti Tree	Wauchope	Wycliffe Well
Barkly Homestead	719																						
Barrow Creek	283	433																					
Borroloola	1207	488	921																				
Cape Crawford	1105	378	819	102																			
Daly Waters	913	567	627	387	285																		
Darwin	1498	1152	1212	972	870	590																	
Dunmarra	866	520	580	422	320	48	632																
Elliott	762	415	475	526	422	152	737	104															
Erdunda	200	918	486	1406	1305	1113	1697	1065	961														
Hi-Way Inn	907	561	621	381	279	6	591	41	146	1106													
Jabiru	1484	1138	1198	957	856	576	256	618	722	1683	577												
Katherine	1181	835	895	655	553	273	317	315	420	1380	274	303											
Kulgera	286	1005	572	1493	1391	1199	1784	1152	1047	87	1193	1770	1467										
Larrimah	999	653	712	472	370	91	499	133	237	1198	92	485	182	1285									
Mataranka	1075	729	789	548	446	167	423	209	313	1274	168	409	106	1361	76								
Renner Springs	670	323	383	618	517	244	829	196	92	869	283	815	512	955	329	405							
Tennant Creek	508	211	222	699	597	405	990	358	253	708	399	976	673	794	490	567	161						
Three Ways	533	186	246	675	573	381	966	333	229	732	375	951	649	818	466	542	137	24					
Timber Creek	1467	1121	1181	941	839	559	603	601	706	1666	560	588	286	1753	468	392	798	959	935				
Ti Tree	194	525	92	1013	911	719	1304	672	568	393	713	1290	987	480	805	881	475	314	339	1273			
Wauchope	393	326	107	814	712	520	1105	473	368	593	514	1091	788	679	606	682	276	115	139	1074	199		
Wycliffe Well	375	344	89	832	730	538	1123	491	386	575	532	1109	806	661	623	700	294	133	157	1092	181	18	
Yulara	446	1164	731	1652	1550	1359	1943	1311	1207	246	1352	1929	1626	332	1444	1520	1114	953	978	1912	639	838	820

Major centres and rest areas

Locations on the Northern Territory’s national routes



This map demonstrates locations of rest areas, towns and communities on the Northern Territory’s national routes and major highways. It does not include all communities. This map was correct at time of printing but travellers should check ahead for the availability of fuel and accommodation. Map is not to scale.



Useful contacts

Visitor information

The Top End

Darwin
Tourism Top End
6 Bennett Street, Darwin City
Telephone: (08) 8980 6000 or 1300 138 886
www.tourismtopend.com.au

Katherine
Visitor Information Centre
Corner Lindsay Street and Katherine Terrace, Katherine
Telephone: (08) 8972 2650 or 1800 653 142
www.visitkatherine.com.au

Barkly Region

Tennant Creek
Visitor Information Centre
Battery Hill Mining Centre Complex, Battery Hill, Peko Road, Tennant Creek
Telephone: (08) 8962 1281 or 1800 500 879
www.barklytourism.com.au

Central Australia

Alice Springs
Visitor Information Centre
Corner Parsons Street and Todd Mall, Alice Springs
Telephone: (08) 8952 5800 or 1800 645 199
www.discovercentralaustralia.com

Truck parking bays

Designated bays are designed to enable operators of heavy vehicles to pull over and take fatigue breaks and address operational needs.

Light vehicle motorists are not to use truck parking bays except in an emergency.



Emergency contacts

NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Police assistance: 131 444
Emergency (police, fire or ambulance): 000

Emergency alerts and warnings
www.securent.nt.gov.au

Weather events

www.bom.gov.au

Bushfire advice and alerts

www.nt.gov.au/bushfires

Road conditions

Telephone: 1800 246 199
www.roadreport.nt.gov.au
facebook.com/roadreportnt

Road safety information

Telephone: 1800 720 144
www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au

NT airports

Darwin International Airport
Telephone: (08) 8920 1811
www.darwinairport.com.au

Alice Springs Airport
Telephone: (08) 8951 1211
www.alicespringsairport.com.au

Rest areas

A formal area adjacent to the road enabling light vehicle motorists to take fatigue breaks.



The Northern Territory is vast – here are some safe travelling tips

<div>Keep Left</div> <div>In Australia, vehicles travel on the left-hand side of the road.</div> <div></div>	<div>Seat Belts</div> <div>A seat belt can save your life or prevent serious injury if you are involved in a crash or stop suddenly. Drivers are responsible for ensuring everyone in the vehicle wears a seatbelt and penalties apply. All children under 7 years must be in an appropriate child or booster seat.</div>	<div>Long Distances and Fatigue</div> <div>People who are not used to driving long distances in high temperatures will be affected by driver fatigue. As a general rule, you should stop for a 15 minute rest break every two hours of driving. While you are stopped, take a walk, drink some water and consider changing drivers if possible. Plan your trip to include these regular breaks and also consider whether you will be driving into the sun. Motorists are encouraged to use the clearly signposted designated rest areas along highways.</div>	<div>Speed</div> <div>Speed limits are enforced in the Northern Territory (NT) and fines and demerit points will be allotted to the driver. Maximum speed limits are clearly signed and must be obeyed at all times. The default speed limit on open roads is 110km/h unless otherwise sign posted. On the Stuart, Barkly, Victoria and Arnhem Highways the maximum speed limit is 130km/h. You should always drive at a speed that suits the road and the current weather conditions. If you are not familiar with the vehicle you are driving, you should consider driving at a slower speed to enable you to stop safely for any hazards you may encounter on the road.</div>	<div>Road Sense</div> <div>If you want to stop to take photographs or have a break from driving, do not stop on the roadway. Park your vehicle well off the roadway where it will not be a danger to you and other traffic. On roads that carry road trains, longer vehicles such as caravans should leave at least 200 metres between vehicles to allow other vehicles, including road trains, to overtake.</div>	<div>Road Trains</div> <div>Road trains are common in the NT and can have three trailers and be over 50 metres long and 2.5 metres wide. It can take up to 2.5 kilometres to overtake a road train at 100km/h. Therefore when you overtake you need to be able to see at least one kilometre of clear road ahead. Also allow plenty of room before you overtake as they may sway from side to side. If you are being overtaken, maintain your speed, don't move off the road and only slow down when the road train moves out to pass. The NT has many single lane or narrow roads. When approaching a road train on a single lane road or an unsealed road, slow down then gradually move off the road and drive slowly along the shoulder until it is clear to move back onto the road.</div>	<div>Four Wheel Drive</div> <div>Four wheel drive vehicles are designed for both on and off road conditions. They handle very differently to a normal car. They have a high centre of gravity and can be affected by wind caused by passing vehicles. Be careful not to overload the roof rack. If you are planning to hire a 4WD and have not previously driven one, ensure you are familiar with how to operate one and know when and where to use the accessories such as tyre changing and engaging four wheel drive.</div>	<div>Road Hazards</div> <div>Bushfire smoke and many different animals can be road hazards (kangaroos, dingos, buffaloes, horses). Animals are most active at sunrise, sunset or at night. If you encounter a road hazard you should slow down and sound your horn but do not swerve around them as this can lead to losing control of your vehicle and the possibility that it may roll over. If you drive off the side of the road, do not over correct or brake heavily. Slow down and return to the road when the vehicle is travelling at a safe speed and the road is clear of other traffic.</div>	<div>Wet Season (October to May)</div> <div>During this time of year roads can be prone to flash flooding resulting in many roads being closed. You should always check road conditions daily before travelling. Regularly updated road condition reports are available by phone on 1800 246 199 or at www.roadreport.nt.gov.au. If you encounter a flooded road, check the depth, strength of the current and the possibility of obstructions before proceeding or wait until the water has subsided. In heavy rain it is safer to slow down or pull off to the side of the road. Keep your headlights on in these conditions. Do not travel on roads that are closed. Heavy fines apply.</div>	<div>Alcohol and Drugs</div> <div>Drinking alcohol before or while driving can have serious consequences. The legal blood alcohol content for drivers is 0.05%. Mixing drugs with other drugs or with alcohol can seriously affect your health and your ability to drive safely. There are severe penalties for drivers caught drink or drug driving.</div>	<div>Railway Crossings</div> <div>There are over 200 level rail crossings in the NT. Some crossings have boom gates and some have flashing lights. When required, you should look both ways, listen and give way to any trains approaching on the railway line, before proceeding to cross the track.</div>	<div>Driving Around Towns</div> <div>The default speed limit in built up areas is either 50km/hr or 60km/hr unless sign posted otherwise. Roads close to schools may have reduced speed limits which apply on school days between the hours indicated on the sign. You should be aware of these speed limits and slow down to the speed on the sign. Some intersections have yellow flashing warning lights. When you see the yellow warning lights flashing, prepare to stop. Speed and red lights cameras exist throughout the NT.</div>
<div>左側通行</div> <div>オーストラリアでは自動車は道路の左側を通行します。</div> <div></div>	<div>シートベルト</div> <div>シートベルトはあなたの命を守り、交通事故または急停車による大けがを防いでくれます。運転者は、同乗者みんながシートベルトを着用していることを確認しましょう。非着用の場合、罰則が適用されます。また、7歳未満の子どもには適したチャイルドシートまたはブースターシートの使用が義務づけられています。</div>	<div>長距離運転と疲労</div> <div>高気温の環境で長距離運転をすることに慣れていないドライバーは運転疲労の影響を受けます。原則として2時間運転したら、車を止めて15分間休憩するようにしましょう。休憩中は散歩をしたり、水を飲んだりし、できればドライバーを変えることも考えましょう。旅の計画をたてる時には休憩時間を頻繁に入れるようにし、また太陽に向かって運転することになるかどうかを検討しておきましょう。ハイウェイ沿いには、標識でわかりやすく示された指定休憩エリアがありますので、こういったエリアで休むようにしてください。</div>	<div>運転速度</div> <div>ノーザンテリトリーでは制限速度が定められており、これに反したドライバーには罰金や減点が科されます。最高制限速度はわかりやすく標示されており、これは常に守らなければなりません。市街地以外の道路では、異なる標示がない限り、制限速度は時速110キロメートルです。スチュワート、パークリー、ビクトリア、アーネム各ハイウェイの最高制限速度は時速130キロメートルです。常に道路条件とその時の天候条件に適した速度で運転するようにしましょう。運転している自動車に慣れていない場合には、道路で危険なものに遭遇した時に安全に止まられるように、少し遅い速度で運転することを考えましょう。</div>	<div>道路マナー</div> <div>車を止めて写真を撮ったり、運転をやめて休憩したい場合には車道には車を止めないようにしてください。ご自分と走行中の他の車の危険にならないように、車道から離れたところに駐車してください。複数の車で連なって走行しないください。ロードトレインが走る道路では、キャラバンなどの長い車はロードトレインを含む他の車が安全に追い越せるように最低200メートルの車間距離をおくことが法律で義務付けられています。</div>	<div>ロードトレイン</div> <div>ロードトレインはノーザンテリトリーでよく見られるもので、トレーラーが3つのトレーラーを持つことができ、50メートルと2.5メートル長さ以上であること。時速100kmでロードトレインを追い越すには最長で2.5kmの距離が必要ことがあります。ロードトレインに追い越される時には、自分の運転速度を維持し、道路のわきに出ることはせずに、ロードトレインが追い越し車線に出た時点で速度を落としてください。また、左右に動くことがありますので、追い越す時は十分な車間距離をとってください。ノーザンテリトリーには単車線の道路や狭い道路も多数あります。単車線道路や舗装されていない道路でロードトレインが向こうから近づいてきた場合には、速度を落として徐々に道路のわきに出てゆっくり路肩を走行し、対向車がいなくなってから道路に戻ってください。ロードトレインを安全に追い越すには、道路の前方最低1キロメートルまで対向車がないことが確認できればなりません。</div>	<div>四輪駆動車の運転</div> <div>この種の自動車は路上と道路との両方で走行できるように設計されています。四輪駆動車の運転は通常の車と非常に異なります。重心が高いため、対向車による風の影響を受けることがあります。ルーフラックに物を積み過ぎないように注意してください。四輪駆動車を借りる予定の方で、これまで四輪駆動車を運転した経験がない方は、運転方法に慣れておくようにし、タイヤ交換などに使うアクセサリーを一つどこで利用するのかや、いつどこで四輪駆動へ切り替えるのかなどについて知っておくようにしましょう。</div>	<div>道路上の危険物</div> <div>山火事の煙やさまざまな動物が道路上の危険物になる場合があります(カンガルー、ディンゴ、バッファロー、馬)。こういった動物の活動がもっとも活発な時間帯は夜明け、日没、夜間です。道路でこういった動物に遭遇した場合には、速度を落としてクラクションを鳴らしてください。ただし、動物を避けるために急に道路の片側に寄ることはしないでください。こうすると車がコントロールを失い、横倒しになる可能性もあるからです。道路のわきに出てしまった場合には、急に道路に戻ろうとしたり、急ブレーキをかけたたりしないでください。速度を落とし、車の走行速度が安全なレベルになり、道路に他の車がいなくなったら道路に戻りましょう。</div>	<div>雨季 (10月から5月)</div> <div>雨季の間は道路に射流洪水(鉄砲水)が生じやすくなり、この結果多くの道路が閉鎖されることがあります。毎日出かける前に必ず道路条件を確認しましょう。頻繁に更新される道路条件についての情報は電話1800 246 199またはwww.roadreport.nt.gov.auで入手できます。道路が洪水になっている場合には、その深さと流れの強さ、障害物がないかどうかを確かめ、横倒しになる可能性もあるからです。道路が洪水になっている場合、水位が下がるまで待ちましょう。強い雨が降っている場合には速度を落とすか、道路のわきに出て止まる方が安全です。こういった天候ではヘッドライトをつけておきましょう。通行止めの道路に進入してはいけません。高額な罰金が科せられます。</div>	<div>アルコールと薬物</div> <div>運転前や運転中にアルコールを飲むと、重大な結果を招くことがあります。ドライバーの血中アルコール濃度の合法限度は0.05%です。薬物を他の薬物やアルコールと一緒に使用すると、健康と安全に運転する能力に重大な影響を及ぼす可能性があります。飲酒運転や薬物運転で捕まったドライバーには重い罰則が科せられます。</div>	<div>鉄道の踏切</div> <div>ノーザン・テリトリーには鉄道の踏切が200箇所以上あります。踏切警報遮断機が設置された踏切と警告ライトが点滅するだけの踏切があります。踏切を渡る前に左右をよく見て確認し、音にも注意を払い、列車が近づいてきた時はそれが通過するまで待つようにしてください。</div>	<div>市街地での運転</div> <div>市街地での通常規定制限速度は時速50kmか60kmですが、それ以外の制限速度を標示している場所もあります。学校周辺の道路は、学生の登校日には減速規制があり、標識に記された時間帯はスピードを落とさなければなりません。また、黄色の警告ライトが点滅している交差点がありますが、このライトを見たときは停車の準備をしてください。スピード違反取り締まりカメラや赤信号無視取り締まりカメラは、北部準州のいたる所に設置されています。</div>
<div>靠左行驶</div> <div>在澳大利亚，车辆靠左行驶。</div> <div></div>	<div>安全带</div> <div>安全带能够在你遭遇车祸或突然停车时挽救你的生命或防止身体受到严重的伤害。司机必须确保车上每一位乘客都系好安全带，并对此负责，否则将受到处罚。所有7岁以下儿童必须使用适当的儿童安全座椅或加高座椅。</div>	<div>长途疲劳驾驶</div> <div>不习惯在炎热天气下开长途车的人会受到疲劳驾驶的影响。一般来说，司机开长途车时应该每两个小时停车休息15分钟。当你停车休息时，下车走走，喝些水，并在可能的情况下考虑更换司机。计划行程的时候应把这些休息时间包括在内；还要考虑是否会迎着太阳开车。我们鼓励司机们在高速公路上有明确标识的指定休息区休息。</div>	<div>车速</div> <div>北领地 (NT) 有严格执行的限速。违规的司机会被罚款和扣分。公路上有路标清楚标明最高车速，司机任何时间都必须遵守。除非另有标示，高速公路的一般最高车速是110公里/小时。在 Stuart, Barkly, Victoria 和 Arnhem 高速公路上的最高车速是130公里/小时。你应该一直以适合当时道路和天气情况的车速开车。如果你对你开的车不熟悉，你应该考虑以较慢的车速行驶，让你在遇到危险情况的时候可以安全停车。</div>	<div>道路常识</div> <div>如果你想停车拍照或休息一会儿，不要把车停在车行道上。把车停在离车行道较远的地方，这样才不会给你和其他车辆带来危险。在有长列拖车、超长车辆（例如，旅行拖车）行驶的路上，司机应该跟前方车辆保持至少200 米的距离，以便让其他车辆（包括长列拖车）可以超车。</div>	<div>长列拖车</div> <div>在北领地(NT)，长列拖车十分普遍，它们可能拖有三辆挂车，且超过 50米长和2.5米宽。你也许需要行驶长达2.5公里的路程才可以超过一辆以100公里/小时行驶的长列拖车。因此在超车时，你需要能够看到并确保前方至少1公里远的路面没有其他车辆。并且在准备超车前，你必须保持足够的平行车间距，因为长列拖车可能会左摇右摆。当你被长列拖车超车时，请保持车速，不要驶离车道，等长列拖车完成超车后才减速。北领地(NT)有很多单车道或窄路。当你在单车道或砂石路上遇到长列拖车时，请先减速，然后逐渐驶离车行道，并沿路肩慢速行驶，直到长列拖车完全驶离再行驶回车行道。</div>	<div>四驱车</div> <div>四驱车(4WD)，的设计让它在一般的道路上和崎岖泥泞的地面上都可以行驶。四驱车的操控跟一般的汽车有很大区别。它们的重心高，会受到由旁边经过汽车引起的风力影响。小心不要让你车顶行李架上的行李过重。如果你打算租用四驱车但却没有以往驾驶四驱车的经验，你就必须确保自己熟悉如何操控四驱车，还要知道如何使用其他配件，例如，如何更换轮胎和如何启用四驱功能。</div>	<div>道路危险状况</div> <div>从林大火浓烟和很多种动物都可能造成道路危险状况（袋鼠、澳洲野犬、水牛、马）。这些动物在日出、日落或晚上最为活跃。如果你遇到道路危险状况，你应该减速和按喇叭。不要突然转向去避开它们，因为这样可能会导致你的汽车失控，并有可能翻车。如果你的车离开了车行道，不要急于纠正或大力刹车。你要减速，等汽车回到安全的速度，且路上也没有其他车辆才行驶回车行道。</div>	<div>湿季（十月至五月）</div> <div>每年的这段时间，公路很可能受突发洪水影响而要关闭。你应该确保每天在开车出行前先查实路况。你可以致电1800 246 199 或浏览 www.roadreport.nt.gov.au 以查看定期更新的道路情况报告。如果你遇上了淹水公路路段，你要先查探一下水深、水流的急缓以及可能的障碍物，再决定是继续前行还是等到水退之后再走。在滂沱大雨的情度下，减速或把车停靠在路边是比较安全的做法。在这样的情况下，你要把车头灯亮着。切勿在已封闭的道路上行驶，否则将面对高额罚款。</div>	<div>酒精和药物</div> <div>开车前或开车时饮酒可能造成严重的后果。法律规定司机血液中的酒精浓度不得超过0.05%。混服不同种类的药物或将药物与酒同时服用会严重影响你的健康和全驾驶的能力。被查出酒驾或药驾的司机会受到严厉的处罚。</div>	<div>铁路平交道口</div> <div>北领地(NT)有超过200处铁路平交道口。有些平交道口装有道闸，有些则装有闪烁警示灯。在需要时，准备通过铁轨前，应查看左右两边方向的情况，注意听是否有火车驶近，并给所有驶近火车让道。</div>	<div>在城镇及周边开车</div> <div>除非另有标示，在城镇建成区的默认限速是50或60公里/小时。学校授课日期间，学校周边道路的最高车速可能会减低，路标上会标明需要减低车速的时段。你应该留意这些限速，并将车速减低至路标上所指示的车速。有些十字路口设有黄色警告闪光灯。当你看到黄色警告灯闪动时，请做好停车的准备。整个北领地(NT)到处都装有测速和红灯摄像头。</div>