

Road Safety Issues

Red P plate license holders

I am perplexed at the number of Red P license holders who are breaking the road rules and driving in an unsafe manner.

These are provisional drivers who have held their license **less** than 12 months.

- A) Not signaling leaving round-a- bouts, or leaving terminating lanes, including exiting overtaking lanes and in fact turning into streets and driveways both left- and right-hand turns.
- B) Completing U-Turns in controlled intersections and across solid white lines on a straight road.
- C) Tailgating.
- D) Speeding both in built up areas and open roads.

I have noticed a huge increase in these types of Red P Plate driver's behaviours in the last 18 months.

It appeared to be around the same time private Driving instructors started assessing learners for their Provisional License.

Our LDMPs hear this so often from our learner's that their friends who can't pass with a DSG License Assessor pass immediately with a private Assessor.

My personal thoughts on this are some private assessors are more lenient on learners P1 assessments as they do not wish to be branded on social media for being a hard assessor and losing business through that belief.

Speeding on open roads.

I regularly travel up and down the Midlands and Bass Highway.

The number of drivers who pass me clearly travelling more than 110kph is astounding.

Maybe if the police had more visible presence on the highways this would help to eliminate the speeding drivers.

Round a bouts

Clearly drivers do not understand the road rule on round a bout's of when and how to indicate.

Perhaps educational advertising on this would help.

Driving on the incorrect side of the road

Drivers who drive with part (on straight roads) or all (on bends) of their vehicle over the center line of the road.

This is very prominent on the Tasman Highway between Sorell to Launceston.



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Driver Mentoring Tasmania (DMT) is the Peak Body for the 16 Learner Driver Mentor Programs (LDMP) and 8 outreach centers.

Both DMT and LDMPs are funded by Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC).

Road safety is a very important part of the learner driver experience with LDMPs.

Our mentors are trained on safe driving habits during inductions.

Whilst the learners are in the car our mentors continually push the road safety side of driving for example

- Road rules and correct execution of them.
- All aspects of driving and road conditions – all weather, driving into sun. driving on wet roads, driving in windy conditions, gravel roads, icy roads.
- Head checks, physically showing a Learner's where their blind spots are and the amount of sight you lose and danger they can hide.
- Correct driving position and positioning of hands on the steering wheel.
- Learn to Drive Videos with explanations.
- All our mentors are offered upskill training at the very least once a year, this attendance is usually around 90% of mentors.

DMT heavily promote safe learner drivers obtaining their Provisional License.

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