

RIDING ON RURAL ROADS



*Supporting road safety
in your community*

DRIVING IN RURAL TASMANIA



Tasmanian Equine Endurance Riders
Association
www.aera.asn.au/teera/

Kentish Pony and HACK Club
www.kentish.pcat.org.au



FOR RIDERS

- Wear a helmet that meets Australian Standards
- When on the road horses are a vehicle and need to obey the road rules
- Use hand signals to notify motorists of intent to turn
- Ride on the left hand side of the road in the same direction of the traffic
- Ride straight and prevent the horse from swinging its quarters into traffic
- Ensure your horse's right eye is able to see behind you
- Acknowledge courteous drivers

In addition to these measures, riders are encouraged to:

- Be aware of your surroundings including; traffic, pedestrians, road surface and changing weather conditions
- Ride on roads with good visibility (ie. Wide and straight, not on narrow roads with blind corners)
- Ride during daylight hours

In Case of Emergency

Police, Fire and Ambulance: 000

Non emergency Police: 131 444

To identify your location simply find the nearest power pole and quote the pole identification number.

Wear high visibility and bright coloured clothing

SHARING THE ROAD

The Kentish municipality is a popular place to ride horses, lured by the numerous bush trails and plentiful green fields. Horse riders can often be found riding on the road.

Drivers and riders have a responsibility to obey traffic laws. This brochure provides some helpful information to both drivers and riders to improve road safety. Remember, road safety is everyone's business.

Horse riders are allowed to ride on the road IT'S THE LAW



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FOR DRIVERS

Under Tasmanian Law, horse riders have the right to use Tasmania's roads as any other vehicle. Drivers need to be aware of the presence of riders on Kentish roads and adjust their driving to ensure they pass safely.

When encountering horse riders, drivers should:

- Slow down to a safe speed, and stop if in doubt
- Pass only when safe to do so and as wide as possible
- Be mindful that horses can spook easily and may step in front of passing traffic
- Do not attempt to scare the horse by revving engines or beeping horns
- Extra caution should be given when passing younger riders

It is important to note horses have a blind spot and may not have seen you, spooking as you approach. Drivers should pay attention to the rider's body language and hand signals to ensure it is safe to pass.

A horse can weigh as much as a medium size car and in the event of a collision death or serious injury can occur to drivers.

At the end of the day a horse rider is a person and deserves to arrive home safely.

Pass wide and slow