

# DRIVING AND THE LAW

## HOONING

It is against the law to:

- organise, promote or take part in street racing;
- to drive dangerously or carelessly; and
- to start your car in a way that makes too much noise or smoke, for example do a burnout.

If you do any of these things you can get in trouble. Depending on what you have done and how many times you have done it the police can impound the car that you were driving, even if you do not own the car. You will need to pay for the fees.

If the court finds you guilty, the car can be forfeited (taken away), even if it is not your car.

## DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE

You can lose your licence even if you do not have a licence. It will take you longer to be eligible to get a licence.

If you lose your licence and you need to go to school or work there are only a couple of situations where the court can give you a special licence so you can drive, it is not automatic.

## DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING

If you are on your P licence it is against the law to have any alcohol in your system.

It is against the law for anyone to drive if they have drugs in their system.

## USING YOUR PHONE WHILE DRIVING

It is against the law to use your phone while driving.

This includes:

- turning your phone on or off
- making and receiving calls and reading messages.
- operating your phone in any way, i.e. choosing a song or using maps.

You can only use and touch your phone if you are legally parked and stopped. You can not use your phone if you are stopped at traffic lights or stopped in traffic.

There are HUGE fines and demerit points for using your phone while driving.

## GET MORE INFO

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[Department of Transport and Main Roads Website](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au)



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