

FACTSHEET

BURN-OUTS AND DANGEROUS DRIVING

YOUNG DRIVERS: REASONS TO DRIVE WITH CARE

Burn-outs, 'donuts' and other dangerous driving can:

- Cause a vehicle to lose control and slide sideways into an obstacle (like a tree or pole):
 - whiplash in a side-on crash can be severe, even at 20km/hr
 - vehicles don't have as much protection on the side - there is no bonnet or boot to help absorb the impact.
 - passengers on the left side of the car are often hurt in a crash caused by a burn-out or donut. Care for friends, families and loved ones. Driving is serious.
- Weaken the bitumen road surface - an uneven road surface can be a hazard for other road users.
- Cost the driver money - tires wear out quicker and engines can be damaged.
- Frighten children and spoil the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood.
- Result in penalties and fines including:
 - heavy fines of \$3,300.
 - 9 months imprisonment.
 - automatic loss of licence (disqualification) for 12 months.

Find out more at:

- [Demerit points and offences \(RMS website\)](#)
- [Street racing and hoon offences \(RMS website\)](#)

Drive calmly and safely:

- Relaxed, smooth driving makes passengers feel more comfortable.
- Local neighbourhoods welcome safe, friendly drivers.



PARENTS AND CARERS OF YOUNG DRIVERS

- Set up rules for access to vehicles.
- Cars with curtain airbags are essential protection - [read more about curtain airbags](#).
- Supervise parties, provide lifts home and hide car keys if alcohol is being consumed - visit the [Youth safe website](#) for party tips.

LOCAL RESIDENTS

Hoon behaviour can be reported to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

REPORT IT DON'T IGNORE IT!

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EVENT DETAILS:

Use this form to record information you need to report to police, then keep for your own records. If you need to note any extra details, use the reverse of this page.

▶ **EVENT NUMBER:**

(Always request an event number for your own reference)

▶ **NAME OF POLICE OFFICER:**

Date of incident: Time of incident:

Location:

▶ **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT**

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▶ **PERSON/S INVOLVED**

Sex: Male Female Age (approx):

Build: Height (approx):

Hair Colour: Eye Colour:

Description of Clothing:

Distinguishing Features:

▶ **VEHICLE/S INVOLVED**

Registration Number:

Colour: Make:

Model:

