


TIPS FOR RIDERS:

- ◆ Avoid riding on roads or shoulders of roads if there are alternative places to ride e.g.: nature strip.
- ◆ Check behind you before changing directions.
- ◆ Don't ride if the horse is not settled.
- ◆ Be aware of traffic.
- ◆ Always wear a helmet when riding.
- ◆ Wear light coloured clothing during the day and a reflective vest with reflective bands on your horse.
- ◆ Ride on nature strips as a first option. If there is no nature strip than stick as far left as possible. Nature strips are much safer than roads.
- ◆ Bring something to collect horse faeces at the end of the ride.

TIPS FOR DRIVERS IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE HORSES:

- ◆ While riders of horses are required to obey the same traffic laws that apply to drivers of motor vehicles, horses can be unpredictable.
- ◆ They are permitted to ride on road, shoulders of road, paths and nature foot paths.
- ◆ If you know horses are likely to be in the area, or you see horses, reduce speed and give them a wide berth.
- ◆ Expect the unexpected.
- ◆ Do not sound your horn when you are close to horses as it may startle them and cause them to move erratically.



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W.A ROAD RULES FOR HORSES AND RIDERS



The following information provides a simple interpretation of the law relating to the riding and leading horses on public roads and paths in Western Australia and is not intended to constitute legal advice. An electronic copy can be found on the website:

www.slp.wa.gov.au



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- ◆ Riding a horse alongside any road is permitted unless there is a sign like the one below*
- ◆ Riders are required to obey all the road rules that apply to all types of vehicles.
- ◆ Horses must not be ridden alongside more than one other horse on a road.
- ◆ Horses must not be ridden across a road on a 'pedestrian crossing'. The rider must dismount and walk aside the horse.
- ◆ Riders crossing nature strips or paths must give way to pedestrians.
- ◆ Horses can be ridden on the shoulder of a road, or to the left of any continuous edge line, in the same direction as traffic.
- ◆ There are very few areas that ridden/driven horses can go that motor vehicles are not allowed. These include paths and nature and strips.
- ◆ Horses can be ridden across roads but must give way to all other traffic.
- ◆ Riders must give hand signals when changing directions.
- ◆ Horse faeces to be collected by rider at the end of the ride.

RIDING AT NIGHT

- ◆ Riding at night can be dangerous. Horses and riders are not required by law to have lights displayed and are therefore hard to see. While riding on or next to roads at night should be avoided—riders who do should ensure a reflective vest and hi-vis horse bands are worn.

WEARING HELMETS

- ◆ While it is not compulsory for riders to wear helmets, it is highly recommended they do so.



Horses being ridden are considered vehicles

Under traffic laws horses ridden or driven (in harnesses) on roads, nature strips, paths and footpaths are treated the same as vehicles. They have the same rights and responsibilities as other vehicles, including motor vehicles, bicycles and power assisted pedal cycles.

LEADING OTHER HORSES

- ◆ A rider cannot lead more than one other horse.
- ◆ Horses must not be tethered to moving vehicles or led by a person in a motorised vehicle.

RIDING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- ◆ It is **ILLEGAL** to ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or to ride without care and attention

LEADING A HORSE (UNMOUNTED)

- ◆ A person leading a horse while walking is deemed to be a **pedestrian** and must obey all the rules applying to pedestrians.
- ◆ A person leading a horse should use the path or nature strip if provided. If a path or nature strip is not provided, or is provided but not in a usable condition, then the person must walk facing the oncoming traffic.

