

## HIGH RISK BEHAVIOUR HAS IMPACTS



ONE PERSON IS KILLED AND  
NINE SERIOUSLY INJURED ON  
TERRITORY ROADS EVERY WEEK

## SAFER ROADS Targeting repeat traffic offenders



Contact the Motor Vehicle Registry for more information on the new demerit points scheme.

Telephone the Demerit Points Information Line on 1300 364 924, log on to [www.saferroaduse.nt.gov.au](http://www.saferroaduse.nt.gov.au) or [www.mvr.nt.gov.au](http://www.mvr.nt.gov.au) or visit your local MVR office (Police Station in remote areas).

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The demerit points scheme only affects those drivers and riders who constantly break road laws putting you and your family in danger.

Licence holders start with zero points and licences will only be affected if 12 or more points are accumulated within three years.

The system is tougher on young drivers on Learner or Provisional plates who will be affected after 5 points within 12 months.

Demerit points only apply to some road rules; they target the major causes of our road toll including:

- drink driving offences
- running red lights
- speeding
- disobeying signs at rail level crossings
- failing to display L or P plates
- not wearing seatbelts
- using mobile phones while driving
- hooning.

Demerit points don't replace penalties like fines and licence suspension already in place for breaking the road rules.

Drivers still receive fines and the court has the power to suspend a licence for serious offences regardless of how many demerit points someone accumulates.

Drink driving kills too many people on our roads—so the laws for drink driving are tough. A blood alcohol content (BAC) reading above 0.08 results in automatic licence disqualification. In addition to this, Police can immediately suspend a licence on the second or subsequent drink driving offence, or for any high level offence (over 0.15 BAC).

A fine and demerit points apply where a 0.0 BAC is required, or for a first offence of a BAC reading between 0.05–0.08. A second offence within 3 years results in 3 months disqualification by the court from driving, a fine and demerit points. A third or subsequent offence within 3 years results in 6 months disqualification by the court from driving, a fine and demerit points.

## DEMERIT POINTS WILL NOT IMPACT ON DRIVERS WHO OBEY THE ROAD LAWS.

Road laws broken while travelling interstate will also accrue demerit points against Northern Territory licences, but only for offences that attract demerit points in the Northern Territory. The number of points issued are the same number of demerit points the offence attracts in that state or territory where the offence occurred.

### The Good Driving option

If you collect 12 or more demerit points, your licence will be suspended. However, you will have the opportunity to keep your licence by selecting a Good Driving option. Under this option, you must drive or ride safely for 12 months and not accumulate 2 or more points in that period. This option gives you the opportunity to change your driving behaviour.

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