

### Slow Drivers Can Cause Accidents too !

It is not only speed that can cause problems on our roads - it's also slow drivers that has many people seeing red. It's worth clarifying what exactly the road rules are for driving under the speed limit, travelling in the right-hand lane & tailgating?

#### Driving slowly

You cannot drive so abnormally slowly that you cause an obstruction.

An example of driving 'abnormally slowly' - if you're travelling at 20km/hr with a speed limit of 80km/hr, then you could be causing an obstruction to other drivers if there is no reason for you to drive at that speed on that road.

#### Keeping left

Drivers are to keep to the left on multi-lane roads where the speed limit is over 80 km per hour, & are only allowed to drive in the right lane in certain circumstances:

- When Overtaking or Turning right
- Making a U-turn from the centre of the road
- There is a 'Left lane must turn left sign' or left traffic lane arrows apply and the driver is not turning left
- Drivers are required to drive in the right lane if traffic signs show a particular kind of vehicle to drive in the marked lane indicated by signs.
- To avoiding an obstruction
- If traffic in every lane is congested

If a 'Keep Left Unless Overtaking' sign is displayed, then you MUST keep left regardless of the speed limit (unless overtaking).

**Tailgating** is a definite no-no and the Road Rules make this clear: "A driver must drive a sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front so the driver can, if necessary, stop safely to avoid a collision with the vehicle." Please drive to the speed limits & keep us all safe. Be courteous to other road users. If you need to drive slowly move aside & let others pass to avoid frustrations.

### FREE Garden Mulch for Residents

DID YOU KNOW ?

Council offers free mulch to Sunshine Coast residents. Residents can collect up to three cubic metres per day from Buderim and Caloundra resource recovery centres - provided it is for a non-commercial purpose. Check the Council website to see if stock is available. Larger amounts of mulch and crushed concrete are available for purchase from council's waste facilities.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency **000**

Crimestoppers **1800 333 000**

PoliceLink & Hoon Hotline **131 444**

Kawana Waters Police Station **5413 8700**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
- IT'S FREE AND IT'S EASY**

## Next Community Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

**TUESDAY 23rd August 2016 at 7pm**  
at the **Kawana Waters Uniting Church**  
(cnr Thunderbird & Honeysuckle Drive)

#### Presentation by:

Queensland Ambulance Services

*All welcome*

#### Neighbourhood Watch Householder Kits and Gate Plaques

- Be a visible deterrent to criminals with your NHW plaque and window stickers
- **REDUCE YOUR INSURANCE**

THIS DATABASE IS PRIVATE  
AND EXCLUSIVELY  
FOR NHW NOTIFICATIONS.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ELDER ABUSE

On 15 June 2016 (Elder Abuse awareness day) the Australian Law Reform Commission released an Issues Paper asking the public for submissions on possible legal reform to better protect older people.

Elder abuse can be financial abuse; psychological abuse (including social abuse); physical abuse or neglect; sexual abuse (including non-physical actions such as obscene language); and chemical abuse (including inappropriate use, underuse or overuse, of prescribed medication).

The Issue paper was released to encourage community participation on this important issue and is seeking submissions from individuals and groups to a number of questions raised in the paper.

If you would like to make a submission, the Issues paper can be accessed on the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) website. The closing date for submissions is 18 August 2016.

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## NOISE CONTROL

Noise is unwanted sound. Everyone reacts differently to noise. Noise can disturb neighbours, disrupt their sleep and interfere with their normal daily activities. What can be unbearable for one person may pass almost unnoticed by another. How annoyed we become depends on the loudness, time, place and frequency of the noise. Noise can even impact on people's health,

especially the very young and the elderly. If you have a problem with noise, always attempt to discuss the issue directly with the person responsible for the nuisance in order to try and achieve a solution. Give them an appropriate time frame to do something about it. If the situation hasn't changed after that time, it may then be necessary to contact the appropriate authority. Council only has jurisdiction to act on certain noise pollution issues, and shares the responsibility of noise control with other government bodies. Please refer to the information in the next section, which outlines authorities to contact for various noise issues.

### Air conditioners

- Operated on residential land and some commercial land - Contact Council for further clarification.

### Amplified and People Noise

- Musical noise (eg. stereo, instrument) - Contact your local office of the Qld Police Service.
- Parties, rowdy behaviour - Contact your local office of the Qld Police Service.
- Burglar alarms (eg. house, car) - Contact your local office of the Qld Police Service.
- Concerts and events - Contact Council for further clarification.
- Megaphones or public address systems - Contact Council for further clarification.

### Building work

- Residential & commercial - Contact Council for further clarification. Property developers and contractors are subject to the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 and any relevant development approval conditions. Council may issue development approval conditions that authorise building work outside of the restricted working hours in the Environmental Protection Act 1994. Contact Council to find out more information.

### Entertainment venues (e.g. gym, tennis courts, markets, bowling centres)

- Contact Council for further clarification.

### Liquor licensed premises (e.g. pub, club)

- All - Contact your local office of the Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

### Regulated devices (e.g. power tools, mowers)

- Operated on residential land and some commercial land - Contact Council for further clarification.

### Swimming pool and spa pumps

- Operated on residential land and some commercial land - Contact Council for further clarification.

### Vehicle noise

- On private land (e.g. trail bikes) - Contact your local office of the Qld Police Service.
- On Council land (e.g. trail bikes) - Contact Council for further clarification.
- Noisy vehicle - Contact your local office of Qld Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Hoons - Contact your local office of the Qld Police Service.
- Traffic noise on major arterial roads - Contact your local office of Qld Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Traffic noise on minor roads - Contact Council for further clarification.
- After hours deliveries, refrigerated vehicles - Contact Council for further clarification.

### SUPPORT & SERVICES FOR CARERS

The Australia Government has launched "Carer Gateway" which provides Carers with practical information, a national phone service and an interactive service finder. The Carers Gateway may be a useful tool for Carers and more information can be found at

[www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au)

**Free call 1800 422 737 for support and advice Monday to Friday. 8am to 6pm or Request a call back**

## Turning the Screws on Crime

Using one way screws on your number plates can prevent your number plates from being stolen

One way Number Plate Screws will be available for installation on your vehicle free of charge on:

**Thursday September 8th 2016  
3pm-7pm  
Kawana Shopping World Carpark**

*(Opposite Australia Post)*



For further information please contact Kawana Waters Police **5413 8700** or email **DCPCSunshineCoast@police.qld.gov.au**

*Queensland Police would like to acknowledge the generous support they have received from Sunshine Coast Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch Queensland.*

