Fact Sheet
DRIVING IN REDUCED VISIBILITY

There are times when visibility on the road is reduced and causes adverse driving conditions. The most important action you can take is to **slow down and drive to the conditions**.

Fog, smoke and heavy rain can reduce visibility for drivers, resulting in difficult driving conditions.

There are a number of safe driving tips you should consider:

**Do**

- Keep your lights on low beam. High beam makes it even more difficult to see where you are going or any hazard ahead.
- Slow down and drive at a speed that suits the conditions – remember you don’t have to drive at the speed limit.
- Increase the distance between you and the vehicle in front.
- Focus on the road, your full attention is required.
- If you feel uncomfortable continuing your journey, pull completely off the road and try to position your vehicle in a safe parking area. Turn on your hazard lights in addition to keeping on your low-beam headlights.

**Don’t**

- Don’t stop in the traffic lane.
- Don’t speed up suddenly, even if visibility appears to be improving.
- Don’t try to overtake unless it is safe to do so.
- Don’t follow the car lights in front of you in case they brake or stop suddenly.
- Don’t get out of your vehicle unless it is safe to do so.

**Remember**

- Watch your speed. You may be going faster than you think. If so, reduce your speed gradually.
- Leave a safe braking distance between you and the vehicle ahead.
- Remain calm and patient. Don’t pass other vehicles or speed up suddenly.
- Don’t stop on the road. If visibility is decreasing rapidly, pull off the road into a safe parking area and wait for visibility to improve.
- Use your low-beam headlights.