

Driving in Sydney's tunnels

Motorways and freeways provide an efficient means of road transport around Sydney. Tunnels are an important feature of some existing and planned motorways.

There are currently nine road tunnels in Sydney, with the Cross City Tunnel due to open in 2004, and the Lane Cove Tunnel in 2006.

When driving in one of Sydney's major road tunnels:

- **Always leave your radio turned on.**
- **Take your sunglasses off.***
- **Always check electronic message boards where available.**
- **Avoid changing lanes unless necessary.**
- **Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front.**
- **Leave headlights on.**

** Unless required for sight.*

TUNNEL SAFETY FEATURES

To minimise the risk of serious incidents, Sydney's tunnels are designed to strict safety standards. The major tunnels across Sydney include the following safety features:

- Radio break-in facilities and electronic message boards to deliver important safety messages straight to motorists.
- Emergency exits and special cross passages.
- Strobe lights to guide you to emergency exits.

- Fire extinguishers and emergency phones located at least every 60 metres.
- Deluge sprays or sprinklers are used in the event of a serious fire.
- Emergency barriers at tunnel entry points to stop vehicles driving into a hazardous situation.
- 24 hour a day monitoring via closed circuit television and incident response teams on stand-by.

Staying safe in Sydney's tunnels

To report traffic incidents

131 700
24 HOURS

To check traffic conditions

132 701
24 HOURS



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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Although the chances of a serious fire are remote, keeping calm and following these few simple rules could prevent serious injury or even save your life.

If you see smoke coming from a tunnel or you are warned of a fire in a tunnel

- Pull over outside the tunnel. **Do not go in.**
- Wait for instructions from police or the RTA.

If you see fire or smoke in a tunnel and you cannot drive out

- Stop your car and turn the engine off.
- Leave your keys in the ignition and head for the closest emergency exit. **Do not stay in your car.**
- Quickly move as far away from any smoke as possible and leave the tunnel.
- Follow any advice provided via the radio or electronic message boards.

If your car catches fire in a tunnel and you cannot safely drive out

- Locate the nearest fire extinguisher and try to put the fire out.
 - If your motor is on fire, release the catch on the bonnet **but do not open it.** The more air the bigger the fire!
 - Discharge the fire extinguisher through the gap.
- If the fire is out of control:
 - Leave the keys in the ignition and leave the tunnel by the nearest exit.