PETROL AVAILABILITY
Petrol is available in metropolitan and suburban areas seven days a week. Opening hours vary but are usually open until 7:30 pm. Most cities have at least one service station which opens until midnight; some open 24 hours and take all major credit cards. Quiet country towns usually open normal business hours. Some take credit cards and some don’t, so be prepared.

MOTORCYCLISTS
Please help us make our roads safer by providing information and feedback about your experiences while traveling in Tasmania. 468 Westbury Road, Launceston Tasmania www.tasmanianmotorcyclecouncil.org.au
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The organisation helps you have a safe and enjoyable stay while you are here. Be careful, we have some unique roads and weather so don’t be fooled.

All The Roads are travelled on everyday by thousands of road users with small, medium and large vehicles. Road surfaces can change from good to bad at anytime so watch out for soft deep road edges.

Riding in Tasmania can be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience but we have very different road conditions.

1. One moment you can be riding in sunshine without a care in the world then you come around a corner, and everything changes. All of a sudden it is still wet because the sun has not reached that spot yet. You may be travelling too fast for the road conditions.

2. You are riding along taking in the fantastic scenery. Coming up to a bend, you turn in while still admiring the scenery, but the bend is sharper than you expected.

3. The corner has a speed advisory of 60km - it means what it says.

4. Always beware of blinding sunrise and sunset.

WEATHER
BLACK ICE: Black ice forms when water on the surface of a road freezes. The ice actually isn’t black, it’s transparent and almost invisible on asphalt. Black ice can appear to be a spot of moisture on a road, or may have a slight glister on black asphalt. Do not be mistaken: this thin ice is very slick. Check weather details the night before and always be prepared for all weather conditions. We can have four seasons in one day. Conditions can vary from all the points of the compass.

RIDER FATIGUE IS A KILLER
While speed and alcohol are well known contributors to crashes, rider fatigue can be just as deadly because of the subtle ways it can creep up on you. Nobody is immune to fatigue.

Here are a few points to help fight fatigue:
- Get a good nights sleep and never ride when you would normally be asleep
- Take rest breaks every two hours, or when you feel drowsy
- Do some light exercise, enjoy a light snack and a drink during your breaks
- Don’t put in too many riding hours for the day
- If you are feeling too tired - STOP

RIDER FATIGUE INDICATORS
- Running a bit wide on corners
- A couple of rough gear changes
- Not seeing a sign
- Day dreaming
- Dry mouth
- Stiff points (neck, knees and wrists)
- Lapses of concentration
If you suffer from any of these symptoms, pull over - STOP

EMERGENCY Phone numbers
Mobile Phone 112
Landline ........... 000
112 is an alternative to 000 if you are outside of your own provider’s coverage area.

CORNERS
Most roads in Tasmania are good BUT never underestimate what is around the corner - there could be a number of things that could turn a good day into a bad day just like THAT (Think).

Things to look out for:
- Wildlife by night and roadkill at any time
- Stock animals
- Roads damaged through gear changes or heavy braking from heavy trucks or machinery
- The road washed over with dirt and rock
- Other vehicles cutting corners and bringing dirt and stones on the departure side
- The road wet from shade all day after a frost from the night before
- Black ice on road
- The tree cover blocking out the sun on the departure, leaving it wet
- Moss on shaded areas
- Tree limbs lying across road
- Trucks, caravans or farm machinery that is travelling slower than you
- Farm machinery entering and exiting property

Have a safe and enjoyable trip whether a short ride, a day ride, or a full on holiday.