

PARKING ON FOOTPATHS AND NATURE STRIPS IN BUILT-UP AREAS

Parking on footpaths can cause damage to the concrete and can result in an uneven surface on grass nature strips. This creates trip hazards with the potential to cause serious injury to pedestrians. It may also force pedestrians to walk on the roadway, putting them at risk of being hit by passing vehicles.

WHAT IS THE LAW ABOUT PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH AND NATURE STRIP IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA?

In accordance with regulation 197 of the [Australian Road Rules](#):

- (1) A driver must not stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area, unless:
 - (a) the driver stops at a place on a length of road, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies and the driver is permitted to stop at that place under the Australian Road Rules; or
 - (b) the driver is permitted to stop under another law of this jurisdiction.

WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR PARKING ON A FOOTPATH OR NATURE STRIP IN A BUILT-UP AREA?

The penalty for parking on the footpath or nature strip in a built-up area exceeds **\$257**. The penalty for parking on a footpath or nature strip in a built-up area within a **school zone exceeds \$330 and 2 demerit points**.

WHERE CAN YOU PARK YOUR CAR?

You can park on the roadway close and parallel to the kerb and gutter providing you comply with any parking restriction signs. You can park in your driveway on your own private property, however drivers must not park on or across a driveway or prevent access to a property. This includes parking in your own driveway outside of the property boundary.

WHO ISSUES PENALTIES FOR PARKING ON A FOOTPATH OR NATURE STRIP IN A BUILT-UP AREA?

The police or authorised Council Rangers may issue fines for offences under the Australian Road Rules.

For further information contact Council's Rangers on (02) 4732 7543.