



Driving safely on Northland beaches

Play your part, stay safe and help us protect our dunes, beaches and birdlife

- ✓ **Watch out for beach hazards**
Conditions can change quickly on the coast
- ✓ **Check the tides**
Identify your exit route before you go on the beach
- ✓ **Take extreme care when crossing streams**
Soft sands are dangerous
- ✓ **Drive slowly and carefully**
Especially near children and other beach users
- ✓ **Follow all road rules**
Standard New Zealand rules apply on the beach
- ✓ **Use only signposted vehicle accessways to the beach**
- ✓ **Keep off the dunes**
Where permitted, drive on harder sand below the high tide mark
- ✓ **Be aware of wildlife**
Especially shorebirds and their nesting areas
- ✓ **Look out for vehicle prohibited areas and follow the rules. *You may be fined***

Who to contact

To report inappropriate vehicle use on a beach, contact the relevant organisation.

- » Dangerous driving or unsafe vehicle - **Police**
- » Driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol - **Police**
- » Damage to sand dunes/destruction of vegetation - **Northland Regional Council**
- » Disturbance of birds/wildlife - **Department of Conservation (DOC)**
- » Damage to Public Conservation Land - **Department of Conservation**
- » Driving on a section of a beach which is now a vehicle exclusion zone - **Northland Regional Council**. For more details, visit nrc.govt.nz/beachdriving

If possible provide the following:

- » Date, time and location
- » Make, model and registration of the vehicle
- » Description of the driver
- » Photographs

Whangārei District Council

0800 932 463 (24/7)
www.wdc.govt.nz

Kaipara District Council

0800 727 059 (24/7)
Report it function
on the Antenna app
www.kaipara.govt.nz

Far North District Council

0800 920 029 (24/7)
www.fnfdc.govt.nz

Department of Conservation (DOC)

0800 DOCHOT
(0800 362 468)
General enquiries
contact the local office
www.doc.govt.nz

Police

In an emergency dial 111
To report unsafe
driving dial *555

Northland Regional Council

HOTLINE
0800 504 639
General enquiries
0800 002 004
www.nrc.govt.nz



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