

RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN THE ACT

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A reminder to motorists - don't panic brake at these intersections.

Red light and speed cameras have been progressively introduced at nine locations across Canberra since December 2000 as part of a range of measures to make our roads safer.

The cameras selected for the ACT are capable of detecting both red light and speeding offences.

What should I do when approaching an intersection with a red light camera?

Make sure you can stop if you need to. There is no need for panic braking, which could result in someone running into the back of your vehicle.

There is also no case for accelerating over the speed limit - this is dangerous and you will be booked for speeding.

Don't tailgate other vehicles. It is your responsibility to maintain sufficient distance from the vehicle ahead to avoid a collision should it stop unexpectedly.

If someone is tailgating you simply SLOW DOWN.

What should I do when the light turns amber?

The amber light is a warning that the traffic signal is about to turn red and you must stop unless you are too close to the intersection to pull up safely.

Motorists only receive a red-light infringement if they enter the intersection AFTER the traffic signal turns red.

Where and why are the cameras used?

The cameras are used at intersections with a history of serious crashes, which is the sole criterion for selecting red light camera locations.

About 15% of road casualties in the ACT, involving around 65 people a year, occur at traffic lights, often as a result of motorists running red lights.

This is a highly dangerous practice particularly when the vehicle is speeding as well - in some cases by up to 40km/h over the speed limit.

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If you have any questions about red light or speed cameras, please contact the Traffic Camera Office, telephone (02) 6207 7182 or visit our website at www.transport.act.gov.au.

