



## Neighbourhood Support New Zealand

## This quick reference leaflet has been created to assist residents with contact numbers for services that are available locally, which help maintain a safe and enjoyable community

In certain instances your first port of call to report matters that are having an impact on you is the Masterton District Council. Council deals with Noise Control and Animal Control complaints. Council staff can call Police for assistance if they require it, but they need to be notified first to make that initial assessment.

It is important to contact Masterton District Council when incidents are occurring.

This allows council staff to investigate and witness incidents for themselves. The council will also be able to take steps to stop any nuisances immediately.

Masterton District Council can be contacted Monday to Friday 8am to 5.00pm phone (06) 370 6300.

Masterton District Council can be reached after hours (06) 378 7752.

Noise Control can be reached after hours on 0800 766 600

If you are travelling through the Wairarapa on State Highway 2 and notice a wandering stock hazard, then please ring 0800 444 449.

If you are experiencing or witnessing an incident which is having an immediate impact on someone's safety, and/or property, please contact Wairarapa Police on 111

To report matters which have already occurred and there is no immediate threat, then please contact Masterton Police Station on (06) 370 0300.

If it relates to a crime, then your call will be transferred through to the Crime Reporting Line to have the matter recorded, assessed and investigated.

You can report driving complaints by phoning \*555 from your cellphone, and confidential information through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you are interested in forming or becoming a part of a Neighbourhood Support Group, contact Connecting Communities on (06) 378 8900.

**Masterton District Council** 

**Wairarapa Police** 

**Neighbourhood Support Group** 

www.mstn.govt.nz

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#### Wairarapa Police - Beach Policing

The following advice is provided to ensure that everyone experiences a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year Holiday period at our Coastal locations.

#### **LIQUOR BANS**

Liquor bans are in place at Castlepoint and Riversdale from 6pm on 30 December to 6am on 1 January – this means that there is to be no drinking or possession of open containers of alcohol in public places. This applies to all age groups, residents and visitors alike. Infringements can and will be issued for breaches of the Liquor Ban, there is also the risk of arrest in certain circumstances which is at the discretion of the Police.

If your children are attending New Year's events, please ensure that they have a safe way home or that they have accommodation arranged, and that they can contact you if they need to be picked up during the night.

If we do locate anyone aged under 18 in circumstances we consider unsafe, we will be contacting their parent or guardian and asking for them to be collected – and let's face it, nobody wants to spend their New Year's Eve with the Police waiting for their Mum or Dad to pick them up!

If your kids (under 18 years), are going to a private party or celebration that is being supervised by an adult and you are happy to for them to be drinking, the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act requires that you provide the responsible adult with written consent for your kids to drink alcohol, just remember that your consent only allows them to drink at a private address and not in public areas.

We'd also ask that you have a chat with your kids before they head out, about drinking safely and looking out for their friends.

#### **ROAD CLOSURES**

From 4pm on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> December through to 6am on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, vehicle access and movement within the vehicle ban areas will be prohibited. Access will be granted for those arriving who can provide <u>evidence of residence</u> within the vehicle ban area, in the form of a Rates notice, or a Rental or Lease agreement for accommodation. Vehicle movement inside the vehicle ban area once you arrive at your location is not allowed.

#### **QUAD BIKE and ATV RULES**

If you intend utilising a Quad bike or another form of all-terrain vehicle, certain road rules apply. Improper use and failure to follow safety precautions can lead to serious injury or even fatal consequences. Wearing an approved safety helmet (not a bicycle helmet), is compulsory and one of the best steps you can take to prevent serious injury.

What is a Road? Roads are not only streets and highways, but any place the public has access to – including bridges, culverts, beaches, riverbeds, reserve lands, wharves and road shoulders. This doesn't mean you have a right to use these areas, but if you do – the <u>rules relating to registration, licensing and general driver behaviour apply</u>.

If you use a Quad bike or an ATV on an area that fits the definition of a road, then you must hold a driver licence for a car or a motorbike. What this means is that anyone under the age of 16 (who can't obtain a driver licence yet), cannot be found riding one in a public place. Parents or Guardians can be issued an Infringement notice for allowing use of a vehicle by an unlicensed driver - \$400 Fine.

Quad bike manufacturer recommendations are that passengers aren't carried, but if a passenger is carried, then the driver in control must have a <u>full class licence</u>. The passenger must never sit forward of the driver. A maximum speed limit of 30km/h is also recommended, but <u>this is not a target</u>, speeds should be appropriate to the circumstances and conditions of use.

Quad bikes and ATV's when used on a road must be currently registered and be fitted with a number plate.

If you are using a side-by-side ATV fitted with seat belts, then they must be worn whilst being used on a road.



# ATV/QUAD MOTORBIKES

- All drivers of Quad-bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles must hold as a minimum, either a Learner Class 1 (car) or Class 6 (motorbike) licence. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 2. Everyone on a Quad-bike or ATV motorbike must wear a helmet.
- 3. Quad-bikes and ATV's should not be driven in excess of 30km/ph. Safe speeds should be applied all times.
- 4. Manufacturers recommend no Passengers on Quadbikes, but if a Passenger is carried, they **MUST NOT** sit forward of the driver.
- 5. If passengers are carried, the driver must hold a **FULL** Class Licence.
- 6. Quad-bikes and ATV's used on a road must have current registration and be fitted with a licence plate.

INFRINGEMENT NOTICES MAY BE ISSUED FOR ANY OFFENCES DETECTED

## **INFRINGEMENT NOTICES**

#### Drove without appropriate drivers licence

- \$400.00 fine
- (Never held a Driver Licence or driving a vehicle of a different Class to what the Licence was issued for)

#### Learner's overseer held full licence less than 2 years

- \$100.00 fine & 35 demerit points
- (Learner Driver receives the Infringement for not having a suitable overseer. There are also fines if the overseer isn't seated beside the driver. The overseer must not be under the influence of drink/drugs, which means the Learner Driver can't be used as a Taxi service)

#### Restricted driver carried unauthorised passenger/s

- \$100.00 fine & 35 demerit points
- (Same fine applies for driving outside the Restricted hours)

#### Aided / abetted an unlicensed driver to drive

- \$400.00 fine
- (Vehicle owner knowingly lets an unlicensed person use their vehicle)

### Permitted riding on a motor vehicle in a dangerous position

- \$150.00 fine
- (Driver receives Infringement for allowing it, & Passenger can receive Infringement for not wearing a seatbelt if the vehicle has them fitted)

### Driver / passenger failed to wear safety helmet

- \$50.00 fine
- (Must be a correct safety standards approved helmet)

### **Warning**

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs / Quad-bikes) are vehicles that are principally designed for off-road use. Serious Injury or Fatal accidents can result from improper use of an ATV on a road.

About a quarter of all injuries sustained in ATV crashes are to the head, yet very few riders wear helmets. Wearing an approved helmet is the best way to prevent a serious head injury.

The Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 states that if an ATV is being used on a road and there are no seatbelts fitted (most side by sides have seatbelts and roll over protection), the rider or driver and passengers have to wear an approved helmet.

Wairarapa Police