



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Roadkill Project

### 1. What is the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program Roadkill Project?

The Roadkill Project was launched in 2009 to help determine how significant the threat of roadkill mortality is to Tasmanian devil populations, particularly those populations already decimated by Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD). In 2011, the Roadkill Project aims to continue to monitor the threat of roadkill mortality and the spread of DFTD and to try to reduce Tasmanian devil roadkill. Involving the public helps to greatly extend our limited resources.

### 2. Who can get involved?

Anyone who is using Tasmanian roads can help by reporting any Tasmanian devil roadkill they see.

### 3. How can you help?

Keep a supply of reply paid report forms in your glove box (see [www.tassiedevil.com.au](http://www.tassiedevil.com.au) to find out where to get the forms) and, when you see a road-killed devil, fill out a form and drop it in the nearest mail box. You can also fill out an online form at [www.tassiedevil.com.au](http://www.tassiedevil.com.au) or call or SMS a photo and location information to 0427 733 511.

### 4. What is the most important thing to remember?

**Safety first!** Never put yourself or others in danger when collecting roadkill information. Never touch roadkill.

### 5. When I report a road-killed devil, will the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program collect the animal?

The Program will only collect animals if they relate to a specific project we are running or if they are in a geographically sensitive area.

### 6. What is considered a 'sensitive area'?

Areas where the disease does not currently occur. Generally these are areas west of the Murchison Highway.

### 7. What should I do if I see a road-killed devil in a 'sensitive area'?

Call or SMS 0427 733 511 **immediately**.

### 8. What time of the day does most roadkill happen?

Most native Tasmanian animals, including Tasmanian devils, are nocturnal, so they are most likely to be hit on the roads between **dusk and dawn**.

## **9. What time of the year does most roadkill happen?**

December to March is the worst time of year for Tasmanian devils because this is when the juveniles leave home to find their own den, and the size of the population swells considerably. Unfortunately, more devils on the move means more devils on the roads. Of course there is also more traffic on the road during that time.

At all other times of the year, females may either be carrying pouch young or have dependent young in the den. If a female devil is killed on the road during this period it could potentially mean the loss of her young as well. If a road-killed devil has live pouch young, call or SMS 0427 733 511 **immediately**.

## **10. Why is roadkill such a problem for Tasmanian devils?**

Devils are the most difficult animals to see on the road at night because of their dark colouring. A recent study suggested that to be able to see a devil and stop in time a driver would need to be doing no more than 40kmh. Most people travel about twice that speed on our country roads. Please help us to reduce roadkill and give the dwindling population of Tasmanian devils the best chance of survival.

## **11. What is the most effective thing that I can do to prevent Tasmanian devil roadkill?**

Slow down on the roads between dusk and dawn, particularly in areas that are thought to be black spots for roadkill. You can visit **[www.roadkilltas.com](http://www.roadkilltas.com)** to find the location of roadkill black spots.

## **12. Where can I find out more about the Save the Tasmanian Devil Roadkill Project?**

Visit our website: **[www.tassiedevil.com.au](http://www.tassiedevil.com.au)**