

# DON'T GET YOUR TRUCK STUCK



Do you know the height of your truck and load every time you get behind the wheel?  
Do you plan your route appropriately for your vehicle height?

**We are asking all motorists to do your part to prevent collisions with low clearance rail bridges.**



## THE ISSUE

**2024 saw 396 strikes at rail bridges.**

We are asking all drivers of high vehicles, or with high loads, to know your vehicle and load height, plan your route using appropriate tools, and to stay aware of the road signs.

Bridge strikes can be hazardous to you as the driver, train commuters and other road users. They can also cause costly damage to your vehicle, your load, rail infrastructure and lengthy delays to road and rail users.



## KNOW YOUR TRUCK AND LOAD HEIGHT

Ensure that you:

- check the maximum height of your vehicle, its load or equipment before commencing a journey
- check the maximum height again after any load changes
- display the correct vehicle height in your cab at all times—updating this can be a great reminder.



## PLAN YOUR ROUTE APPROPRIATELY

Every Queensland Rail bridge with clearance below 5.4m is fitted with height clearance signage and it's up to motorists to know your maximum height and to stay clear of bridges which are too low. It's your responsibility to:

- avoid taking unplanned shortcuts to save time
- always check the vehicle height after any changes to your load
- plan routes in advance to remove the risk of bridge strikes
- not rely on a satellite navigation system designed for cars—plan your routes in advance to avoid rail and road bridges that are too low for your vehicles by visiting:



**Department of Transport and Main Roads**

[tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/heavy-vehicle-route-maps-and-restrictions](https://tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/heavy-vehicle-route-maps-and-restrictions)



**National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Route planner tool**

[nhvr.gov.au/road-access/route-planner](https://nhvr.gov.au/road-access/route-planner)

- check alternative routes before proceeding to avoid low bridges if there are road closures or diversions on the planned route.



# CONSEQUENCES

☒ A DAMAGED TRUCK

☒ BRIDGE REPAIR COSTS

☒ MAJOR DEMERIT POINTS

☒ POTENTIAL JOB LOSS

☒ COMMUTER CHAOS

☒ INJURY

☒ FINES



**Queensland Rail actively pursue drivers and their employers for the cost of repairs which would otherwise be covered by taxpayers.**

Businesses are further impacted by the cost of insurance and the loss of income while a vehicle is off the road. The Queensland Police Service may take enforcement action against those drivers responsible for damages to rail infrastructure, including a bridge, tunnel or overhead structure.



Did you know if you strike a rail bridge you can be fined? If the matter is taken to Court the fines can increase to over **\$25,000 plus 11 demerits** from your licence.

**As a driver this could mean loss of your licence and employment.**

## 2024'S TOP 10 MOST HIT BRIDGES

LOCATION	HEIGHT	STRIKES
1 Muriel Avenue, <b>ROCKLEA</b>	3.8m	66
2 Annerley Road, <b>DUTTON PARK</b>	3.7m	38
3 Dixon Street, <b>WULKURAKA</b>	3.0m	35
4 Pine Street, <b>WYNNUM</b>	2.8m	32
5 Allwood Street, <b>INDOOROOPILLY</b>	2.8m	32
6 Alma Road, <b>DAKABIN</b>	3.5m	26
7 Countess Street, <b>BRISBANE CITY</b>	4.4m	26
8 Price Street, <b>NAMBOUR</b>	3.3m	22
9 Long Street, <b>GRACEVILLE</b>	2.9m	13
10 Margaret Street, <b>PALMWOODS</b>	3.9m	11



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE OR ARE INVOLVED IN A BRIDGE STRIKE

If you are involved in or witness a rail bridge strike incident, it should immediately be reported to:

**Queensland Rail  
Emergency Network Control  
1800 079 303**

**Emergency services  
Triple Zero (000)**

## MORE RESOURCES



**List of low rail bridge locations**

[qr.com.au/forcustomers/safetysecurity/railbridges](http://qr.com.au/forcustomers/safetysecurity/railbridges)



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