

At the scene:

How you can help

WIRES

WIRES (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Ltd) has been rescuing and caring fornative animals since 1985.

Wires.org.au

1300 094 737



BE PREPARED

Keep these household items in your car so you are always prepared





Give way for wildlife

- Slow down and use caution when driving at dusk and dawn, many mammals are most active during these times. These animals can be unpredictable and often feed next to the road where food is plentiful.
- Be alert and aware when in rural areas and driving through places you are unfamiliar with.
- If you have struck an animal or you have seen an animal on the road which appears to have been hit please stop to check the animal. If it is not safe for you to stop please notify WIRES of the animal's location
- Pull over in a safe location and use your hazards lights. Don't stop on a corner and wear high-vis or bright clothing to ensure you are visible to other motorists.



Locate any surviving joeys

Did you know?

Joeys can survive in a pouch for days, even after their mother has been killed.

- Look for obvious lumps and movement in the pouch area then check the inside of the pouch.
- If you find a joey that is attached to the teat, don't attempt to remove it yourself. If the joey is not attached to the teat, remove it from the pouch and keep it warm and quiet. Don't offer the joey anything to eat and try to handle it little as possible. Call WIRES immediately on 1300 094 737.
- Check the surrounding areas for joeys that were thrown from the pouch on impact.



Remember

Wombats, Possums, Gliders, Kangaroos and Wallabies all have pouches. Echidnas have a flap like pouch and their young are easily dislodged with the impact of a vehicle.

Prevent more accidents

- It is important that the animal's body is moved off the road so it is not a hazard to motorists.
- Carnivorous animals such as eagles feed on animal carcasses. They are at risk of being hit by a vehicle if the body is left on the road.
- Large mammals can be very heavy so consider your own wellbeing before moving them. Moving the body by the base of its tail or hind legs is best.
- Tie a ribbon or something similar to the animal's foot to signal other motorists that the animal has been checked.