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SLIPPERY ROADS

The wet weather has had a big impact on the conditions of unsealed roads, it is important that you take extra care, slow down and drive to the conditions. Because the surface of the road is loose, it can move under your wheels and offers very low skid resistance.

We recently had a vehicle hit the bank on Aropoanui Road as the road was very slippery.

Gravel, or unsecured material, can move if you brake suddenly, a lot of accidents happen from vehicles losing traction and sliding off the roads at speed. Break gradually and smoothly, slow down before you need to.

Always be able to stop in the space you can see.

Take corners as smoothly, widely and slowly as possible, to avoid losing control. Brake on the straight.

Crash data from Motor Trade Association (MTA) shows drivers losing control on unsealed roads accounts for 65 injury causing car crashes and one death every year.

