

## A few things you should know about the safety features of our tunnels:

- The CityLink and EastLink control room operators maintain **24/7 visual surveillance of tunnel traffic**.
- **Automatic incident detection cameras** use software to detect stopped vehicles, pedestrians or debris. An alarm alerts the control room operators, who can then respond to the incident.
- **Your mobile phone will work in the tunnel** – you can contact CityLink on 13 26 29 or EastLink on 13 54 65 (13 LINK). Otherwise, emergency telephones are located regularly along the tunnel walls.
- There is an **overhead deluge or sprinkler system to help put fires out**. This means the control room can activate a downpour directly onto a fire.

### **CAUTION: DON'T drive through an activated water deluge.**

- **A fire detection system** runs along the entire length of each tunnel roof and is alarmed via each control room to the fire brigade.
- **The ventilation system** is designed to draw any smoke upwards and away from people.
- **Fireboxes** fitted with extinguishers and hose reels are located every 60 metres. These are numbered and operate as reference points within the tunnels.
- There's a **public address and radio re-broadcast system** so control room operators can give safety instructions directly into the tunnels and via your car radio – it's important to keep your radio switched on.
- **Emergency lighting** including white flashing strobes will point you to the exits to use in an evacuation.

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## Are you ready to drive in Melbourne's Road Tunnels?



**We want to help you drive safely through Melbourne's major roadway tunnels.**

**EastLink's® Melba and Mullum Mullum Tunnels and CityLink's Burnley and Domain Tunnels** all have safety systems designed with the assistance of emergency service experts, in particular the fire services.



## Here are a few things you can do to make sure you travel safely:

- Turn on your headlights and radio.
- Take off non-prescription sunglasses.
- Be aware of the overhead signs used for instructions; obey the variable speed limit and lane use signs.
- Avoid changing lanes if possible.
- Stay out of closed lanes, there could be workmen or an accident ahead; it is closed for a reason.
- Share the road, keep a safe distance from other vehicles.
- Obey any instructions from the control room conveyed on signs or via your car radio.

## You shouldn't use EastLink or CityLink Tunnels if:

- You're running low on fuel.
- You're carrying quantities of dangerous materials that require you to display placards in accordance with the Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995.
- Your load is above the tunnel height clearance limit of 4.65m.
- You don't have a spare tyre.
- You suspect you might break down.
- You're carrying a load that's not tightly secured.
- You have difficulty coping in confined spaces.

## If you break down in a tunnel you should:

- If possible, drive out of the tunnel; otherwise, try to stop in a right or left lane, not the centre lane.
- Switch on your hazard lights and the radio.
- Stay calm, an incident response unit will attend to you as quickly as possible.
- Remain in your vehicle, unless there's a fire or you are asked to evacuate by the control room.
- If you do have to get out, watch carefully for other traffic and move to either the walkway or in front of your vehicle. Never stand behind your vehicle.
- In an evacuation, look for the running man symbols and flashing lights for a safe exit point.

## If you are stopped in tunnel traffic:

- Look for instructions displayed on overhead signs.
- Turn on your radio to hear updates from the control room.
- Switch your air conditioning to re-circulate.
- If you are completely stopped for a while, you can turn off your engine BUT leave the radio on.
- If you need urgent assistance, use your mobile or the nearest emergency phone to contact the control room – but watch carefully for other traffic if you get out of your vehicle.

