



Frequently Asked Questions #13

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1. If you hear a car being driven in a reckless manner and are able to see the incident, it is helpful if you can obtain any details at all.
2. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, call triple zero '000', or the Police Assistance Line (PAL), or report it to the local police station and ask for advice – see phone numbers below.
3. Record all incidents and those details listed below.
4. Possibly take a photo or make video if this can be done safely – never place yourself in danger or at risk when trying to gather evidence.
5. Consider installing quality CCTV at your residence and/or dash cam in your vehicle for recordings that can act as proof.
6. Talk with your neighbours. See if you can band together, help get the hoon details, support one another.
7. Phone Crime Stoppers NSW 1800 333 000 with all collated information. All calls are treated confidentially.

What to report?

- Description of behaviour, eg: speeding, drag racing, burnouts, etc.
- Description of driver
- Description of other occupants
- Usual day and time of behaviour (approximate time will suffice)
- Usual location of behaviour
- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle make, model (if you can recognise it, or similar types)
- Vehicle description – any notable accessories (eg spoiler, LED lights), damage or paint patches may also assist.
- Vehicle colour
- Vehicle registration

FOR EMERGENCIES (Including anyone on your property)	000
TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS (Crime Stoppers)	1 800 333 000
TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME (Police Assistance Line)	131 444
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE (Hornsby Police Station)	9476 9799
TTY—To ask for Police, type PPP	106
SPEAK AND LISTEN	1800 555 727

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Related information:

'Hoons' are also known as 'boy racer', 'hooligan' and 'lout', "especially a young man who drives recklessly or dangerously". Hooning is anti-social and dangerous driving behaviour, ranging from doing burnouts and doughnuts, to more serious offences such as street-racing and evading police by speeding in excess of the speed limit. It is generally undertaken in order to provoke a reaction from onlookers. It is also an offence to organise or promote (includes taking photos or film of) hooning/street-racing.

Anti-Hoon Laws:

Australian police have been given increased powers to investigate hooning, known as 'Hoon Laws'. In order to eliminate hoon behaviour and improve safety on the roads for others, legislation has been changed to include offences related to hoon behaviour and to allow for impounding/confiscation of vehicles involved. The Car Hoons Act allows for impounded cars to be used for car crash testing.

More information on Hooning, Street Racing and Anti-Hoon Laws can be found on the NSW Transport for NSW Roads & Maritime website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/roads-safety-and-rules/safe-driving/hooning-and-street-racing>

This and other links are included on the WatchOut.org.au/drivers-cycling page - see below.

Remember:

The only way a hoon may be convicted, if police don't witness the incident, is for you to attend Court. If you are not willing to attend Court, in some cases your information may help to establish a pattern of behaviour that could lead to later apprehension, and conviction, so your information is still appreciated.

This information was compiled by volunteers with Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please contact your Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) at Hornsby Police Station for more information. Phone: 9476 9799. Tips and other resources are available to download free from the Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby website: au-NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org/Tips/.

See also the community's one-stop-shop of crime prevention information: WatchOut.org.au.

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