

JOHN'S LAWS OF 4WD DRIVING

We all know our mate Murphy and his Law which goes something like: "*Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong at the worst possible moment*". Well I thought I would share with you my laws of 4wd driving learnt from bitter experience over the years (and plagiarism from others).

1. Rule #1 – You've gotta have fun.
2. Rule #2 – If you are not having fun, refer to Rule #1.
3. Murphy was an optimist.
4. Everyone has a different way of doing things ... and everyone thinks their way is the best way. However, I **know** my way is the best way!
5. When you drop a spanner or nut while working on the vehicle it will always end up in the most inaccessible place or on the ground directly under the centre of the vehicle.
6. You will get bogged – somewhere, sometime, when you least expect it. The more capable your vehicle the further you will end up in the bog and the worse it will be.
7. You will get a flat tyre in the bush – usually when time is short.
8. Tyres only ever go flat on the bottom.
9. The most likely time to get a puncture is just after you have bought brand new tyres.
10. Someone has always beaten you to the best campsite.
11. Firewood left by the fire place is always green and won't burn.
12. Wherever you sit around the fire, that is where the smoke blows to.
13. Camping gear is always designed by someone who has never used it or been camping.
14. Short cuts rarely are.
15. When driving on corrugations, the smoothest part of the road is where you are not driving.
16. You can't tell the depth of a puddle by looking at it. That's what snorkels are for.
17. Whenever someone makes a rude comment on the radio about another vehicle on the road, or the place you are driving through, they will be listening and be offended.
18. Common sense is not very common at all.
19. When all else fails, read the instructions.
20. The simplest solutions are always the best.
21. All things are possible – except driving with snow skis on.
22. If you can't understand it, it is obviously obvious.
23. No matter how clearly you give directions, they will always be misunderstood.
24. Tracks on the map may not exist on the ground, and tracks on the ground may not appear on the map.
25. If the map does not make sense, turn it up the other way.
26. Your GPS will always fail at the precise moment you need it most.
27. The "bling" of a 4WD is in inverse proportion to its capability in the bush and the skill of the driver.

No apologies to anyone offended by these laws. Please publish your own Laws so that we can compile a combined Club Laws of 4WD Driving. See you on a track somewhere (unless I am bogged with a flat tyre in an inaccessible place, with no instructions, and with wet firewood). *John Kent*