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Ramstein: 112

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Baumholder: 112

Spangdahlem: 112

USAG Ansbach: 09802-83-112

USAG Bavaria: 09641-83-112

**USAG Stuttgart: 112** 

USAG Wiesbaden: 0611-705-117

**GREECE** 

NSA Souda Bay: 956-82-2911

**ITALY** 

Aviano AFB: 911

NSA Naples: 081-568-4911

NAS Sigonella: 095-861911

Vicenza: 0444-71-5117

Camp Darby: 051-54-7117

**POLAND** 

NSF Redzikowo: 112

USAG Poland: 112

**SPAIN** 

NAVSTA Rota: 956-82-2911

U.K.

RAF Alconbury: 014-80-841-911

RAF Croughton: 01869-811-911

RAF Fairford: 01285-714 911

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RAF Lakenheath: 911 or 01638-527911

RAF Mildenhall: 01638-547999

# IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

112 is the European phone number for all emergencies (fire, ambulance, police). You can dial it from any European country, free of charge.

According to the military police, it is best to avoid making any statement, oral or written, about liability, cause of the accident or the possibility of a claim.

- Stay at the scene. Leaving is considered a hit-and-run and a serious criminal offense.
- Call the police. For serious accidents, call 112 and military police (see next page). For minor accidents, call 110 to get the local police then report it to military police within 24 hours.
- Use a reflective vest, hazard lights and warning triangle. Triangles should be 100m away, or 200m away on freeways. Do not use the triangle on multi-lane carriageways in the U.K.
- Provide first aid, if necessary. Do not move anyone seriously injured. Wait for the ambulance.
- **■** Take pictures for documentation.
- Try not to move the vehicles. Only move the cars if the accident was minor and the vehicles are completely blocking traffic.
- Exchange information. You are obliged to share personal information and vehicle details with the police and the other party involved. You are not required to testify or make a statement about guilt. Police may determine guilt and assess fines.
- Do not sign documents you cannot read. Make sure you know what a document says. Ensure it is not an admission of guilt, a scam power of attorney, loan, car rental or towing agreement.
- If needed, contact towing services. This can be done through your insurance agency, auto club (like ADAC) or with police help.
- **■** Contact insurance company.
- For further assistance, contact your installation legal office.

# TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT LIST

#### 1. Call Emergency Services immediately.

2. Call installation police ASAP and file report within 24 hours.

3.	Date & time of incident		
4.	Location of incident	Street/Corner	Town/Zip Code
5.	Address of investigating police station		
	Name/telephone number of police officer		
	Information of other party in	volved in incident	
б.	Name	Tel	
7.	Address	ID#	
8.	Make/model of vehicle		License plate #
9.	Color of vehicle	Year _	
ı	Injured persons at the scene	of the incident	
	] No		
	Yes If yes, provide name of injured party		
,	Witnesses of the incident		
	Name		
	Address		
	Tel		
	Name		
)	Address		
	Tel		
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Tip: Use your phone to take photos of the incident at the scene before moving the vehicles.

# NON-EMERGENCY

# PHONE NUMBERS

Use these numbers to contact U.S. Law Enforcement, Military Police or Security Forces offices. These non-emergency numbers can be used to report off-installation car accidents, or to seek assistance from the on-installation police.

#### **OFF-INSTALLATION POLICE**

(no fire/ambulance needed)

#### **BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS**

#### **USAG Benelux**

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Zutendaal: 0049-611-143-524-9029

#### **GERMANY**

Ramstein AB: 06371-47-2050 Spangdahlem AB: 06565-61-6666

**USAG Ansbach** 

Ansbach: 09802-83-110 (Barton, Bismarck, Bleidorn, Franken, Katterbach, Shipton, Urlas)

Storck: 09841-83-110

#### **USAG Bavaria**

Grafenwoehr & Vilseck: 09662-83-3398 (Tower Barracks, Rose Barracks, Camp Algier)

Garmisch: 08821-750-3801 Hohenfels: 09472-83-2812 USAG Rheinland-Pfalz

Kaiserslautern Area: 0631-536-7070 (Landstuhl, Sembach, Miesau) Baumholder: 0611-143-531-2785

#### **USAG Stuttgart**

Kelley Barracks: 07031-15-3102 (Patch, Panzer, Robinson)

#### **USAG Wiesbaden**

Clay Kaserne: 0611-143-548-7777 (Dagger, Mainz, MCully)

#### **GREECE**

NSA Souda Bay: 0030-282-102-1223

#### **ITALY**

**Aviano AB:** 0039-0434-30-7200 **NSA Naples:** 081-568-5639

NAS Sigonella: 095-86 (or 56)-5225

**USAG Italy** 

Camp Darby: 050-54-7575 Vicenza: 0039-0444-71-5300

#### **POLAND**

**NSF Redzikowo:** 0048-597-144-502 **USAG Poland:** 0048-724-940-311

#### **SPAIN**

NAVSTA Rota: 0034-956-82-2001

#### U.K.

RAF Alconbury/Molesworth: 01480-842400

RAF Croughton: 01280-708611 RAF Fairford: 01285-714244 RAF Lakenheath: 01638-522333 RAF Mildenhall: 01638-542667



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# DRIVING IN EUROPE



Always drive with the following documents.

- U.S.-military-issued overseas driver's license
- Valid U.S. driver's license
- Original vehicle registration document
- Proof of insurance

#### **BORDER CROSSING**

Have passports for all individuals and any SOFA documentation available for the driver to present at any border. Some borders have random checks while others inspect every passport.

Country speed limits are posted on large signs at the border.

#### **CELL PHONES**

It is illegal to use hand-held devices while driving in Europe.

#### **CITY REGULATIONS**

Major cities regulate road usage to limit noise, emissions

and traffic. Control methods include time-of-day restrictions, congestion charges and limited access for cars without low emission stickers. Find details at www.urbanaccessregulations.eu.





#### **DAMAGED VEHICLES**

Certain countries require documentation for visible damage on your car. If you are driving a vehicle with dents or flaws, get it documented when you enter a new country. If your car sustains damage while traveling, file a police report to document the occurrence. This will ensure you are not accused of hit-and-run or vandalism crimes.

#### **DRUNK DRIVING**

Driving while intoxicated is a serious offense. Police can demand on-the-spot saliva tests. See country-specific regulations for tolerances.



Most European countries require your vehicle to have a warning triangle, reflective vest

and first-aid kit with medical masks. These are typically sold together as a single standard emergency kit.

#### **FINES**

In some countries, minor driving offense fines may be requested to be paid in cash on-the-spot. Be sure to get documentation and a receipt. If you are unable to pay, you may face higher fees and possibly a court appearance.

#### **FUEL**

Running out of fuel on highways is not allowed in Europe, and you can be fined. Not all gas stations are open 24/7.



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#### **GPS**

It is helpful to be familiar with using GPS or mapping software like Google Maps for navigation in Europe. However, construction and small roads sometimes confuse the systems. Check the route ahead of time to ensure it makes sense.

#### **HEADLIGHTS**

Headlights must be used from sunset to sunrise and when visibility is poor. In some countries, headlights must be on all the time.

High beams (or "brights") and fog lights should only be used when conditions warrant and when there is no oncoming traffic.

#### **HIGHWAY RULES**

- If traffic comes to an abrupt stop, activate your hazard lights to alert vehicles behind you.
- Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you of roughly half your speed in meters. At 100 kph stay 50m back.
- The left lane is for passing only. Be sure to signal before and after passing. This law is taken seriously in Europe.
- Do not stop on the highway.
   If you have car trouble, use designated pull outs.

#### INSURANCE

Most countries require third-party liability coverage, which covers you if you injure someone or damage their property or vehicle.

First-party insurance is usually optional and covers you if you are injured while driving, as well as damage or theft of your vehicle.

Check local laws for each country you plan to visit and talk to your insurance provider about time and distance limitations for coverage beyond the country where your vehicle is registered. Also ask about rental car coverage and requirements for trailers.

# INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT (IDP)

An IDP is a translation of your license that is accepted worldwide and it is highly recommended when driving outside the country where you are stationed.

- An IDP is supplemental. You still must carry your stateside and overseas military-issued license for the European country where you are stationed.
- Visit www.aaa.com/vacation/ idpf.html to get an IDP.

#### **METRIC SYSTEM**

- Continental Europe posts speed limits in kilometers per hour (kph).
- The U.K. posts speed limits in mph.
- · Fuel prices are per liter.
- Tire pressure is sometimes measured in BAR, not PSI.

#### **PARKING**



Use **parking discs** in lots with this sign; the number will indicate the parking time limit. Set the dial to the time

you arrive and make sure it is visible in the windshield.



Paid parking will be labeled. Be sure to read the signs for regulations. There may be individual meters,

or a machine to pay for parking in the area. Be sure to display your paid parking receipt in your windshield.



In cities, follow these signs to paid parking garages. Take your ticket with you and pay at the kiosk before returning to your car.

#### **PEDESTRIANS**

Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks and in many residential areas. In some countries, it is accepted for people to cross the street anywhere.

#### RADAR DETECTORS

Most of Europe prohibits the use of radar detectors. Many countries have also banned the use of speed camera detection using GPS or phone apps.

#### RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Do not enter a railroad crossing when lights are on or when barriers are down. There may also be unguarded crossings on small roads, so approach tracks with caution.





#### **REST STOP TOILETS**

Expect to pay with coins to use toilets at rest stops. They can be 50 cents to two euros. Some are paid via a vending machine at a turnstile. Others may simply have a tip plate for the custodian.

#### **RIGHT ON RED**

Unless otherwise indicated, turning right on red (left in the U.K., Ireland and Malta) is not permitted.

#### **ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE**

It can be beneficial to join a local automobile association for their 24-hour roadside assistance and travel-related services. These are similar to AAA in the U.S.

Belgium - TCB Germany - ADAC Italy - ACI Netherlands - ANWB Spain - RACE United Kingdom - AA

#### **ROUNDABOUTS**

Vehicles within a roundabout (traffic circle) have the right of way, regardless of whether merging traffic has yield signs.

#### **SEATBELTS**

All countries require seatbelts for all vehicle occupants.

#### SPEED CAMERAS

Cameras are used to detect driving offenses. They can be permanent or temporary. You may not see the camera or a flash.

If your vehicle is caught speeding, running red lights or tailgating, a ticket will be mailed to you or your chain of command. It will have the date of the offense and a photo. You are required to pay the ticket, and you may have points assessed on your license.

#### **TOLLS**

Visit www.tolls.eu for specific country toll information.

Many highways or tunnels are maintained by toll payments. Cameras monitor for violators, and steep fines can be imposed.

Most tolls are charged at booths when you enter or exit the tolled roadway. A few require payment online before or after the trip.

#### **TUNNELS**

Europe has many long tunnels, particularly in mountainous regions and Scandinavian countries.

- Remove sunglasses.
- Use headlights.
- Follow speed limits.
- · Do not pass.
- Increase the distance between you and the next vehicle.
- Note the emergency exits.
- Turn of your engine in standstill traffic.

#### **VIGNETTES**

Some countries require a vignette to drive on certain roadways. These are pre-paid road tax stickers. They are typically available at the border and nearby gas stations. In some countries they can be purchased ahead of time online as an e-vignette.

#### **Countries with vignettes:**

- Austria
- · Bulgaria
- Czechia
- Estonia (over 3.5t)
- Hungary
- Moldova
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland

# WINTER DRIVING

- Winter tires have a mountain and snowflake logo, while M+S is on all-season tires for "mud and snow." You are required to use them if they match the conditions where you are driving.
- Snow chains may also be required on mountain passes or unplowed roads.
- Make sure windshield wipers are in excellent shape, and top up with windshield washing fluid that has an anti-freezing additive.
- Keep an ice scraper and insulated gloves in your car so that you can remove snow and ice.
- Driving without clearing your entire vehicle of snow is illegal in some countries.

- Cover your windshield with an old bed sheet at night to prevent frost from forming.
- Keep a flashlight, blanket, phone charger, snacks and bottled water in your car in case you are stranded.
- Confirm that the engine's anti-freeze level and strength are adequate.
- Diesel fuel is sensitive to cold and can gel or solidify. Many European countries set standards for fuel stations to switch to a blended "winter diesel" with additives to help slow the solidifying process, but during extremely cold conditions the fuel may still thicken. Block heaters can also be installed to help warm the engine in very cold areas.

# CHILD SAFETY SEATS

#### **EU REQUIREMENTS**

Children under the height of 1.35 meters (4 feet, 5 inches) must be buckled into safety seat designed for their size.

Car seats must comply with one of two current regulations.

An orange label will indicate the compliance.

- R44: Seat design based on child's weight
- R129: Called i-Size, seat design based on child's height

U.S. personnel in Europe on SOFA status are usually permitted to use a U.S. DOT-approved car seat as long it complies with EU and country guidelines. This typically means adhering to R44 seat categories.



#### I-SIZE (R129) COMPLIANCE

# i-Size compliant seats are chosen based on your child's height.

The type of restraint (booster, seat, harness, etc.) is determined by the manufacturer and has undergone stringent testing to be approved as safe for that height.

i-Size infant seats are rear-facing until the child is 15 months old.

i-Size uses the ISOFIX latching system. ISOFIX and U.S. LATCH anchors have the same spacing.

#### **R44 COMPLIANCE**

## R44 compliant seats are chosen based on your child's age and weight.

Note that R44 is being phased out; so, compliant seats are no longer for sale.

**Group 0/0+** (0-18 mo.) up to 13 kg | 28.7 lb Infant carriers, rear-facing in rear seat

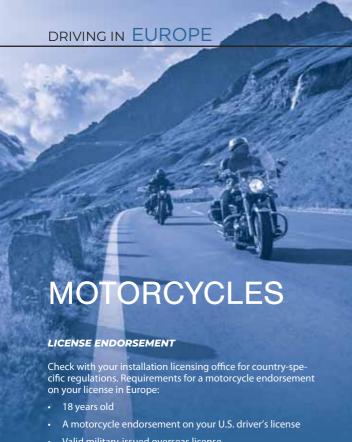
**Group 1** (12 mo. - 4 years) 9-18 kg | 19.8-39.7 lb | Car seat with integrated 5-point harness

**Group 2** (4-7 years) 15-25 kg | 33.1- 55.1 lbs | Booster seat with 5-point harness

**Group 3** (6 years +) 22-36 kg | 48.5 - 79.4 lb | Booster seat



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ISOFIX and U.S. LATCH anchors have the same spacing.



- Valid military-issued overseas license
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) training

#### RIDERS MUST CARRY

- U.S.-military-issued overseas driver's license with endorsement
- Valid stateside driver's license with endorsement
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation training card
- Original bike registration and proof of ownership
- Bike insurance certificate
- **Passports**

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Carry an emergency kit with a warning triangle, reflective vest and first-aid kit with medical masks.

Some countries have outlawed the use of in-helmet communication devices.



#### SAFETY TIPS

- Though legal and common in most European countries, lane splitting is dangerous and should be avoided.
- Drive with headlights on.
- Proper foot pegs and backrest will increase safety and comfort for a passenger.
- Instruct a passenger in proper balance, and ask them to refrain from sudden movements.
- When riding in a group, discuss the route, schedule, rest or fuel stops, and establish hand signals before setting out.
- Experienced riders in group rides should take the lead and tail positions.
- The leader rides in the left third of the lane and the next bike rides in the right third of the lane. The rest of the group should continue alternating sides.
- Ride single file around curves or areas with limited visibility.
- Group riders should stay a minimum of one second behind each other.
- Smaller groups are better controlled.

For more safety tips, visit www.msf-usa.org.

#### **RECOMMENDED ATTIRE**

- Body armor to protect vulnerable shoulders, elbows, back, knees and ankles
- Full-face shields or goggles with safety glass
- Gloves or gauntlets that cover forearms
- Sturdy boots with nonskid soles and reinforced toes

#### **REQUIRED ATTIRE**

U.S. active duty, civilian and dependent riders and passengers must wear:

- A crash helmet that follows ECE 22.06 regulations
- Eye protection
- Brightly colored gear (and reflective shirts or vests at night)
- Long-sleeved shirts, long pants
- Gloves



# DRIVING IN EUROPE TRAFFIC SIGNS



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Border-Crossing Points





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Freeway Exit, Freeway

Intersection, Freeway

Merging Point







24-Hour Operated Service Area off the Freeway







City Limits

Schotten 1 Wilster **End of City Limits** 

Freeway Direction Sign

Point of Interest



Place Name

Distance to Next Change

of Traffic (Exit)



Advance Direction Sign















(Used Correct Lane)

























in Tons





Off-Limits Marking



Distance Vehicles Over













No Motorcycles or Motor Vehicles



Maximum Weight

Allowed Prohibits Trucks

Exceeding 3.5 Tons

Weight Limit



Vehicle Traffic to Reduce Harmful Air Pollution









No Passing





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Controlled Parking Zone





Unquarded Railroad Crossing



Toll Road for Trucks According to the Law on Tolls for Freeways





2 Std. Controlled Parking Zone, 2 Hours, Place "Clock Card" in Windshield



End of Managed Parking Zone



Railroad Crossing











Children Playing





# DRIVING IN GERMANY

#### REQUIREMENTS

 Service members and dependents stationed in Germany must have valid U.S. Forces Certificate of Licenses (USAREUR).

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- Valid U.S. driver's licenses.
- Proof of insurance.
- Vehicle registration.
- An IDP is recommended for those stationed outside of Germany.
- Minimum driving age is 18.

#### **U.S. FORCES POINT SYSTEM**

Drivers with U.S. forces driver's license: in Europe (USAREUR) are monitored by a U.S. military police demerit point database. It tracks driving and some parking offenses on and off base.

Visit www.aepubs.eur.army.mil/ AE-Regulations and refer to AE REG 120-1 for point system details.

12 points in a 12-month period or 18 points in a 24-month period will face driving privilege suspension for 180 days.

#### **DOCTRINE OF CONFIDENCE**

Germans expect each other to be confident drivers who obey traffic laws, stay alert and drive defensively at all times. This "doctrine of confidence" allows both drivers and pedestrians to have confidence in one another, knowing that all are responsible for being safe. By signing for your USA-REUR license, you also agree to be a confident driver at all times. Rude

gestures to other drivers are reportable and can result in hefty fines.

#### **FUEL RATIONS**

U.S. military, DOD civilians, ID cardholders and their dependents stationed or TDY in Germany are eligible for reduced costs fuel purchases. Once your vehicle is inspected and registered with the local USAREUR Vehicle Registration office, you can sign up for the AAFES duty-free fuel program.

- The program is only available in Germany.
- Allows use of on-base AAFES
  facilities
- Off base, you can use Esso gas stations in Germany.
- Money is added to a prepaid card for purchases.
- The prepaid balance is shared across owners and vehicles
- All registered vehicles have a monthly ration based on the vehicle's size and weight, as noted on your vehicle registration.
- The ration card is only good for the assigned vehicle and its fuel.
- More than one vehicle may be registered, and up to two ID holders may be assigned to a fuel card for each vehicle.
- Exceeding your fuel ration allowance or prepaid balance, or buying with an expired card will result in paying the taxed, economy fuel price.

#### Using a fuel card

On base at AAFES gas stations, you can use your prepaid balance or another form of payment.

Off base at Esso gas stations, you must pay with the prepaid balance.

- Pump gas first, then take the fuel card, vehicle registration and ID card to the attendant.
- Pay with your fuel card. Money will be deducted from your prepaid balance. You must know your four-digit PIN.
- Liters purchased will be deducted from your monthly ration. If you are at an Esso station and the payment system goes down, the staff should call a dual language system to complete the transaction. You can also call the customer support number on your card.

Report lost or stolen cards immediately. Customer support phone: 0800-1819945.

#### **Card Balances**

Your card balance will be printed on purchase receipts and can be checked or added to at odin.aafes. com/essc or by calling the toll-free number on your card. You can also add money to your card at AAFES gas stations or by automatic bank transfer or payment.

Program details at: www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/overseas/germany-fuel-ration.



#### INSIDE CITY LIMITS



#### **OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS**



#### **AUTOBAHN**

- 130 kph is the recommended speed limit.
- Minimum speed is 60 kph.



#### DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

- Legal Limit: Below .05%
- Under 21 legal limit: 0%
- Fines can be levied with a blood-alcohol level (BAL) of .03% if the driver is deemed unsafe.
- · Applies to bicycles, e-scooters, e-bikes.
- · Regardless of BAL, you may be found at fault in an accident if driving after drinkina.



#### **CELL PHONES**

Only hands-free device use is permitted. First offense is a seven-day suspension of license.



#### **POLIZEI**

"Beamteninbeleidung" or insulting a police officer is a major offense resulting in fines and jail time. This includes words and gestures.



#### **CHILD SAFETY**

All kids 12 years old and younger and shorter than 150 cm must be in a size and weight appropriate seat. (see page 14).



#### **TOLLS**

There are no tolls on roadways in Germany, with the exception of two tunnels, the Herren and Warnow in the far north.



#### REQUIREMENTS

- · EC-regulation warning triangle
- Reflective vest
- First-aid kit



#### **WINTER TIRES**

- Recommended from October to April.
- · Alpine symbol required since October 2024.
- · Tires must match the driving conditions at any time of year.
- Studded tires prohibited.
- · Chains are only required in certain areas as directed



#### **RESCUE LANE**

On the autobahn, in a "stau" (traffic iam) the left-most lane should drive further onto the shoulder while the lane beside it stays further right. This creates a rescue lane (Rettungsgasse) for emergency vehicles.



"NEBEL"



#### "ROLLSPLIT"

Loose gravel



Detour (look for the number to follow)



#### "UNFALL"

Traffic accident



#### "EINFAHRT"

Entrance



#### "EINBAHNSTRASSE"

One-way street



"STAU" Traffic jam



#### "SCHNEE"

Snow

## **BUYING AND SELLING**

To register your vehicle with U.S. forces in Europe, cars more than 10 years old need inspections before the sale is finalized. A car less than 10 years old must have at least 60 days left on the registration at the time of sale to retain the current inspection expiration date.

#### **BUYING A NEW CAR**

If you want to purchase a new car while in Germany, buy from a dealer participating in the Military Car Sales program. Available benefits may include tax-free transactions, worldwide shipping, U.S. specifications and prices lower than U.S. MSRP rates. You'll need the documents listed above, minus the U.S. title and will have 60 days to provide additional documentation, such as the German Title Book and customs form.

#### TIPS FOR BUYING USED VEHICLES

- Ask owner to complete inspection before deregistration.
- Have owner keep insurance until registration is transferred.
- Get proof of exhaust emission testing (if the car has not been inspected), service and vehicle defect record, and an inspection-pass guarantee (dealer).
- A vehicle must contain a warning triangle, reflective vest and first-aid kit (check that it is not expired) to pass an inspection.



# REGISTERING A PURCHASED USED VEHICLE

Sales between government ID cardholders require the presence of all buyers and sellers. To transfer ownership and register a vehicle with temporary plates (or permanent plates if the vehicle has been inspected), the buyer takes the following documents to the Registry of Motor Vehicles on base:

- Military ID card
- U.S. Forces Certificate of License (USAREUR)
- Proof of insurance (name must match buyer on bill of sale and person registering car)
- Application for Motor Vehicle Registration and Allied Transactions (AE Form 190-1AA)
- Completed bill of sale, signed by all of the registered owners and buyer
- AE Form 550-175A and the U.S. title/registration for U.S. specification vehicles
- Title book ("Fahrzeugbrief") and deregulation form ("Abmeldebescheinigung") for European specification vehicles
- Check or money order payable to "USAREUR Registration Fund" (some offices accept credit cards)

#### A NOTE TO SELLERS

A service member may sell a used vehicle to a local national or non-ID cardholders if they have owned the vehicle for at least six months. The vehicle must clear U.S. and German customs before the sale is final. Contact your installation's Customs Field Office for details.

## **EMERGENCY PHRASES**

DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

**Sprechen Sie Englisch?** 

ብጣ "Spresh-en zee English"

THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT.

Es ist ein Unfall passiert.

ብዛት "Es ist eye-nen Oon-fall pah-s-eert"

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**CAN YOU PLEASE SEND THE POLICE?** 

Bitte schicken sie die Polizei?

սիսի "Bitte schicken zee dee Po-lee-tz-eve"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME AN AMBULANCE?

Bitte schicken Sie einen Krankenwagen?

փախ "Bitte schicken zee eye-nen Kronk-en-vog-en"

I AM CURRENTLY AT ...

Ich bin zurzeit ...

փախ "Ish bin tzoo-r-tzite"

THERE ARE INJURED PERSONS REOUIRING IMMEDIATE HELP.

Hier sind verletzte Personen, die dringend Hilfe enoetigen.

ቀመት "Hear sind fair-letzta Pair-zone-en, dee dring-and Hill-fah un-note-igen"

SOMEONE HAS HIT MY CAR.

Jemand hat mein Auto angefahren.

ቀቀ "Yay-mond hot mine Ow-tow on-ge-far-en"

MY CAR HAS BROKEN DOWN.

Mein Auto ist liegengeblieben.

փփ "Mine Ow-tow ist leeg-en-ga-bleeb-en"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME A TOW TRUCK?

Bitte schicken Sie einen Abschleppwagen?

ብዛት "Bitte schicken zee eye-nen Up-Schlepp-vog-en"

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**DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? Sprechen Sie Englisch?** 

"Spresh-en zee English"





# ROADMAP OWN











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#### REQUIREMENTS

- Service members and dependents stationed in Italy must have a valid AFI or SETAF driver's license.
- Valid U.S. driver's licenses.
- Proof of insurance.
- Vehicle registration.
- IDP is recommended.
- Minimum driving age is 18.

#### **ZONA A TRAFFICO** LIMITATO (ZTL)

Only cars with permits may drive in a ZTL, or limited-traffic zone. Be cautious when driving to Italian cities, as these restricted areas are not always well marked, and signage may be obscured. Large cities will have a light system indicating when the ZTL can be accessed without a permit. Do not rely on GPS or Google Maps to navigate around a ZTL.

Cameras record license plates and send tickets in the mail for driving in a ZTL. Fines can be €100-400.

There are ZTL boundaries in over 350 Italian cities. If you have booked a hotel or parking garage inside the ZTL, they will typically request your license plate to send to the authorities so you will not be ticketed.

#### **ROAD SIGNS**

Here are a few Italian words you may see on road signs in Italy.

"Deviazion" – Detour

"Dogana" – Customs "Entrata" – Entrance

"Incidente" - Accident

"Nebbia" – Fog "Neve" – Snow

"Polizia" – Police

"Senso Unico" – One-way street

"Traffico" – Traffic (congestion) "Uscita" - Exit

#### **FUEL CARDS**

NATO Forces Fuel Cards allow you to exclude Italian taxes when buying fuel. Sign up at your local NEX or AAFES store.

- Only available to be used with one primary vehicle.
- Vehicle's engine size, engine base, horsepower and fuel equipment determine the ration amount.
- Only accepted at ENI and AGIP stations. There are no on-installation gas stations in Italy.
- To use the card, swipe or insert the card and enter your secure PIN.
- Fuel transactions are billed to the payment method provided during registration.
- You will receive a bi-weekly invoice as well as a monthly statement.



Excessive speeding can result in fines and a 30–90 day suspension of your license.











# DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

- · Legal limit: Below .05%
- New or commercial driver legal limit: 0%
- Regardless of BAL, you may be found at fault in an accident if driving after drinking.



#### **CELL PHONES**

Only hands-free device use is permitted.



#### **CHILD SAFETY**

Kids aged 12 years and under must ride in the back seat unless they are full. Children over 1.5 meters in height should use the car's seat belt, regardless of age.



#### **TOLLS**

Motorways and most large Alpine tunnels have tolls that can be paid at gates along the route.



#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Daytime running lights are mandatory.
- Vehicles must have an emergency kit with EC-regulation warning triangle, reflective vest, first-aid kit, two medical masks.



#### **WINTER TIRES**

Winter tires are generally required in mountainous areas from Nov. 15 to April 15. Visit www. autostrade.it/en/la-nostra-rete/operazioni-invernali for individual highway rules and current conditions

## **BUYING AND SELLING**

You may register up to three vehicles. No road tax will be charged for your primary car, but it will need to be paid for additional vehicles. Fuel rations are only available on your primary car.

#### **USED CAR BUYING HINTS**

- You can buy a U.S. or Euro-spec vehicle. A Euro-spec car cannot be shipped back to the U.S.
- Used cars can be found at your installation lemon lot, off-base dealers and online marketplaces.
- When looking at a used vehicle, ask for a full history and have a mechanic check the car for necessary repairs before finalizing the purchase.
- Be prepared to pay Italian road tax: €100-€500 (dependent on age and engine).
- It is not recommended to purchase a car from outside of Italy, since it can result in complications and higher fees.



#### **BUYING A NEW CAR**

If you want to purchase a new car while in Italy, consider buying from a dealer participating in the Military Car Sales program. Benefits can include tax-free transactions, worldwide shipping, U.S. specification vehicles and prices lower than U.S. MSRP rates.

#### **REGISTERING A VEHICLE**

All vehicles must be inspected before they can be registered. Make sure you have an emergency kit with warning triangle, reflective vest and first-aid kit. Once inspected, you can make an appointment with the registration office.

Registration document requirements vary based on who the vehicle was purchased from and whether it is used or new. Contact your installation motor vehicle registration office for details on what is required.

#### **SELLING A VEHICLE**

A well-priced vehicle can be a hot commodity in Italy but be sure to give yourself enough time prior to a PCS to get the vehicle sold and transferred to a new owner.

You can sell your car on base at the local lemon lot, list it in online marketplaces or take it to one of many car dealers who may buy it from you.

Note: It is often easiest to sell it to another military member or a dealer.

### **EMERGENCY PHRASES**

THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT.
C'e stato un incidente.

ฟฟษ "chee eh sta-toe oon een-chee-dent-te"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND THE POLICE?
Chiamate la polizia per favore?

wh "key-a-mate la pol-ee-zee-ah per fah-vor-eh"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME AN AMBULANCE?
Chiamate l'ambulanza per favore?

վովի "key-a-mate l'am-boo-lahn-zah per fah-vor-eh"

I AM CURRENTLY AT ...
Mi trovo a ...

ቀቀ "mee tro-vo ah"

SOMEONE HAS HIT MY CAR.

Qualcuno ha urtato la mia auto.

ฟฟษ์ qual-koo-no hah oor-tah-toe lah meeah-o au-to"

THERE ARE INJURED PERSONS
REQUIRING IMMEDIATE HELP.
Ci sono persone ferite che hanno bisogno d'aiuto.

փփ "chee so-no fe-ree-te ke ah-no bee-zo-nee-yo d'eye-you-toe"

MY CAR HAS BROKEN DOWN.

La mia auto non funziona.

In "Lah meeha au-toe non foon-zee-ona"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME A TOW TRUCK?

Chiamate un carro attrezzi per favore?

મામા "key-a-mate oon carro att-rezzi per fa-vor-reh"

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DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? Parli inglese?

"par-lee in-gle-ze"



# DRIVING IN POLAND



"Zoll" – Customs

- "W dni powszednie w godz \_\_\_\_"
- (No stopping / parking) on weekdays at
- "Droga wewnętrzna" Private road
- "mgła" Fog
- "Sypki żwir" Loose gravel
- "śnieg" Snow
- · "natężenie ruchu" Congestion
- "objazd" Detour
- "wypadki" Accident or accident risk
- "kręta droga" Winding road

#### **PAYING FINES**

Most traffic fines are paid to the police in person and with cash, or possibly bank transfer. Carry cash with you and be sure to ask for a receipt. If you do not have cash, the case will go to court and the fine

#### **RESCUE LANE**

On highways, if there is a "korytarz ratunkowy" (traffic jam) the left-most lane should drive further onto the shoulder while the lane beside it stavs further right. This creates a rescue lane for emergency vehicles.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

- Do not use your horn unless necessary during the day and never at night; penalties are high for excessive use of horns.
- · Watch for cyclist, scooter and motorcycle traffic, especially in urban areas.
- · Trams and buses have right of way in intersections and sometimes run alongside passenger cars.















#### DRIVING WHILE **IMPAIRED**

- · Legal Limit: .02%
- · BAL includes drivers of bicycles and scooters.
- · Offenders face fines, compulsory rehabilitation courses, jail sentences, and driving bans for offenders with a BAL over .05%.



#### **CELL PHONES**

Only hands-free device use is permitted.



#### **CHILD SAFETY**

Children under 1.5 meters in height must or less than 12 years of age must use an EU-compliant child seat.



#### **TOLLS**

There are tolls on most motorways. Some sections of the A2 and A4 have an e-toll which needs paid before travel. Visit etoll.qov.pl/en.



#### REQUIREMENTS

- · Fire extinguisher
- Warning triangle
- First-aid kit
- Reflective vest (recommended)



#### WINTER TIRES

It is recommended to use winter or all-season tires when driving in wintry conditions. In case of an accident, failure to use weather-appropriate tires can result in insurance companies refusing compensation.

# EMERGENCY PHRASES



66 Czy mówisz po angielsku?

THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCIDENT.

Doszło do wypadku.

փախ "Dosh-wo-do-ve-patku"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND THE POLICE?

Czy Możesz wysłać policję?

վումի "Che-mosh-ish-vis-watch-po-leet-zi-eh?"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME AN AMBULANCE?

Czy możesz wysłać mi ambulans?

ቀቀ "Che-mosh-ish-vis-watch-mi-ambulans?"

I AM CURRENTLY AT ...

6 Obecnie jestem w ...

փփ "Obets-nee-ye-yestem-v"

THERE ARE PEOPLE INJURED.
Sa ludzie ranni.

վոխ "So-lud-je-ranni"

SOMEONE HAS HIT MY CAR.

Ktoś uderzł w moi samochód.

վերկել "Ktosh-ude-chev-moi-samo-hodt"

MY CAR HAS BROKEN DOWN.

**L** Zepsuł mi się samochód

փախ "Zepzul-mi-sha-samo-hodt"

CAN YOU PLEASE SEND ME A TOW TRUCK?

Czy możesz wysłać mi samochód holowniczy?

փփ "Che-mosh-ish-vis-watch-mi-samo-hodt-holov-nichey?"

# DRIVING IN SPAIN



#### INSURANCE

In Spain, third-party liability insurance is mandatory. It must cover bodily injury, liability of at least €50,000,000, and property damage of at least €75,000,000.

You must have an International Certificate of Vehicle Insurance, also called a green card, as proof of insurance. Keep a copy inside your vehicle.

#### **FUEL ON NAVSTA ROTA**

Only personnel and dependents with a TEI on stamped orders may fuel their registered vehicle on base at the NEX gas station or use the auto services. You can now

prepay before using the pump to save time! Car detailing is open to anyone with base access.

#### GAS CARD

Visit the NEX Customer Service Center on NAVSTA Rota to sign up for the gas card program. This allows you to purchase tax-free fuel from CEPSA gas stations across Spain.

- 200 liters of tax-free fuel may be purchased monthly.
- It takes roughly three months to receive your card.













## DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

- Legal limit: Below .05 %
- New drivers (less than 2 years): Below .03 %



#### **CELL PHONES**

Only hands-free device use is permitted.



#### **CHILD SAFETY**

Spanish regulations require EU-compliant child seats (see page 14).

- Rear-facing seats are required for children up to 18 months old and less than 28 pounds.
- Forward-facing seats are required for children 18 months to 4 years old, and 20–40 pounds.
- Boosters in the back seat are required for children 3 to 12 years old and 33–80 pound, or over 12 years old and under 53 inches tall.



#### **TOLLS**

Tolls on certain motorways and tunnels can be paid at gates along the route. Visit viat.es to purchase an electronic toll device.



#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Two warning triangles
- · Reflective vest
- · First-aid kit (recommended)



#### **WINTER TIRES**

Use of winter tires and snow chains in Spain depends on the region and winter conditions.



#### **SAFETY**

- Beware of scams by individuals pretending to have car trouble; lock all doors and keep valuables out of sight if you stop.
- Robbery by individuals impersonating police officers have been reported in Madrid and Catalonia.

## **BUYING VEHICLES**

If you choose to buy a new or used vehicle while in Spain, it will need to be inspected and registered.

#### INSPECTION

- U.S. spec vehicles must have their ITV done on base at the NEX Autoport.
- EU spec vehicles may have their ITV done either on or off base.

#### REGISTRATION

Register at the Security Office (Vehicle Registration Section) with the following paperwork.

- Valid current Spanish registration
- Purchase paperwork
- Valid insurance on the vehicle in Spain, in the form of an International Certificate of Vehicle Insurance, or 'green card' (USAA and GEICO can provide a Spanish version)
- PCS orders
- Spanish driver's license or valid U.S. driver's license with Spanish translation
- DOD ID
- Passing ITV



# DRIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Those stationed in England are required to attain USAFE Form 435 driver's licenses.
- Valid stateside driver's licenses.
- Proof of insurance.
- Vehicle registration
- IDP required for those stationed outside of the U.K. and staying for more than 12 months.

#### **CENTRAL LONDON**

To help ease traffic jams, drivers are required to pay a congestion charge before driving in the Central London Congestion Charging Zone during weekdays (except public holidays) between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. For information, zone locations, or to pay online, visit the official site at www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge.

#### NO PASSING

There is a "No Overtaking" policy within a 10-mile radius of RAF Lakenheath for all U.S. personnel and dependents. Find out more details from your Safety Office.

#### **RIGHT OF WAY**

Unlike in much of Europe, there is not a priority given to vehicles coming from the right (or left). All intersections have signage or road markings to indicate whether drivers must yield (give way), stop or continue.

#### **FUEL RATIONS**

When you fill up on base, show USAFE Form 435 as verification of your entitlement. There are no monthly rations, but gas must be used within reason (per 3rd Air Force regulation). If you are filling a vehicle that is not on your driving/ fuel permit card, you must be able to show one of the following: rental agreement, TDY orders or Form 941 customs import form.

#### **ROAD TAX**

If stationed in England, the first year for your first registered vehicle is tax free. Afterward, payment of the road tax is an annual requirement in order to drive on British roads.

#### **FINES**

When drivers commit moving (and some parking) violations and receive citations either on or off base, information is sent to U.S. Forces security personnel, and points are assessed against your Drivers/Fuel Permit (DFP) based on citation severity. For a table of specific offenses, corresponding assessed point values and suspension lengths, refer to the current regulations found at www.e-publishing.at mil.

#### LIGHTS

Vehicles built after April 1981 must have single fog lights mounted on the rear right side. Parking lights must be white, not amber, and all headlights must be angled for driving on the left side of the road. Cars built after April 1986 must have driver-side turn signal repeaters. Rear turn signals must flash amber. Very few American vehicles meet the standards for light requirements in the U.K. but can be converted for \$200 to \$300.



# DRIVE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD

- Speed limits are posted in miles per hour.
- · When turning, look right first.
- Unless otherwise indicated, turning left on red is not permitted.



#### **URBAN ROADS**

48 kph



#### **RURAL ROADS**

96 kph



# HIGHWAYS AND MOTORWAYS

112 kph



# DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

- U.S. military legal limit: .05%
- Legal limit in England and Wales: .08%
- · Legal limit in Scotland: .03%



#### **CELL PHONES**

Only hands-free device use is permitted. Even using a hands-free option can lead to penalties if you appear to be driving while distracted by police.



#### **CHILD SAFETY**

- EU-compliant child seats should be used in the U.K.
- Children 14 years and under, who are also under 4 foot 5 inches must use a child seat.
- Children of any age under 5 feet in height must use a child seat.
- Children 45 pounds and under must use a child seat.
- A U.S. car seat you brought to the U.K., and that is EU-compliant, may only be used in a U.S. spec vehicle.



#### **TOLLS**

Tolls are collected on part of the M6 at tolls gates and on the Dartford Crossing bridge via an online system. Visit www.gov.uk/uk-toll-roads for details. The LeShuttle train through the Eurotunnel between England and France requires a ticket reservation from www.leshuttle.com.



#### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are not required, except if directed by signs or authorities in certain areas. They are recommended, however, in cold weather, below 7° C.



#### **NO PARKING**

- Double yellow or white zigzag lines indicate no waiting or parking.
- Red lines indicate no waiting, parking or stopping.
- Single yellow lines generally prohibit parking or waiting from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
- Dashed yellow lines indicate you should check signs for "pay and display."

## **BUYING AND SELLING**

#### **USED CAR SHOPPING**

Check out online marketplaces, the lemon lot on base or off-base used car dealerships.

#### **MOT INSPECTIONS**

Cars older than three years need Ministry of Transport (MOT) tests before sale. Cars newer than three years may use other authorized inspection agency documents in place of the MOT.

#### SALES BETWEEN U.S. ID HOLDERS

Typically, used cars being sold by other U.S. ID holders will be "**concession**" vehicles. These are VAT-free cars imported to the U.K. by someone who qualifies for VAT relief.

- A vehicle shipped from a previous duty station is a concession vehicle.
- Active-duty military and adult dependents are entitled one concession vehicle each.
- Concession vehicles may only be sold to other people entitled to VAT relief, typically other U.S. ID holders.
- Using a Power of Attorney to sell a car is not allowed without pre-approval by HM Customs/CVR.

To buy or sell a vehicle to another U.S. ID holder, the buyer(s) and all registered owners (seller) must go to the Security Forces Pass and Registration Section (SFPRS) of the seller's assigned base to fill out documents. Both buyers and sellers must be present at the same time.



Documents needed to sell or buy, and register a concession vehicle:

- Valid USAFE Form 435 (driver's license) for all parties
- V5C Vehicle registration (logbook)
- 3AF Form 301: Vehicle Transfer Request
- Bill of sale from the registered owner (keeper)
- British certificate of insurance
- Valid MOT certificate (for cars older than three years)

### BUYING FROM A LOCAL NATIONAL

Cars bought from a local British resident are typically not "concession" and are referred to as tax-paid vehicles.

Before agreeing to a purchase, you have the right to request a vehicle's V5C (logbook) number, expiration of the tax disc and the MOT number.

Check that the car is safe to buy at www.gov.uk/checks-when-buying-a-used-car.

To register a vehicle bought from a local national, the new owner must supply the following documents to the SFPRS. Note that both buyer and seller must be present.

- Valid USAFE Form 435 (driver's license)
- V5C Vehicle registration (logbook) in the seller's name
- Bill of sale from the registered owner (keeper)
- British certificate of insurance
- Valid MOT certificate (for cars older than three years)



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## ROAD RULES

# BY COUNTRY

### **AUSTRIA**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 100 kph Autobahn: 130 kph



### **TOLLS**

Vignettes are required on motorways. Visit www.asfinag.at to purchase a digital vignette.



### **WINTER TIRES**

Winter tires are mandatory if the road is covered with snow, slush or ice for vehicles below 3.5 tons. Recommended between Nov. 1 and March 1.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- Reflective vest



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05% New driver (less than 3 years): Below .01%



### SAFETY

- Children under 14 and less than 150cm tall must use a child seat. Kids taller than 150cm can use regular seatbelts regardless of age.
- Call 133 for Police | Call 144 for an ambulance

### **BELGIUM**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Residential Areas: 20 kph Streets with Bike lanes or Schools: 30 kph

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Inside Brussels City Limits: 30 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph

Outside City Limits in Flanders: 70 kph Motorway (Autosnelweg/ Autobahn/Autoroute): 120 kph



### **TOLLS**

- · The only toll is through the Liefkenshoektunnel in Antwerp.
- Antwerp has a low-emission zone, which may prohibit some vehicles from entry.



### WINTER TIRES

All-season (M+S) or winter tires are recommended (not required) mid-October to mid-March



### REQUIREMENTS

- First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- Reflective vest



### DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

Legal limit: Below .05%



### **SAFETY**

Cruise control is prohibited on highways with heavy traffic or road construction.

### **BULGARIA**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph Expressways: 120 kph Motorway: 140 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Required from November to mid-April



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05%



### **TOLLS**

Vignettes are required on most roads and can be purchased at www.bgtoll.bg.



### REQUIREMENTS

- · Warning triangle
- · Headlamp beam deflectors or adjusted beams
- · Reflective iacket
- · First-aid kit (recommended) · Fire extinguisher



### **SAFETY**

- · Headlights or daytime running lights must be on at all times.
- Snow chains are permitted and may be required in
- · In well-populated areas, drivers are prohibited to sound their horn 10 p.m to 6 a.m. (9 a.m. on public holidays) and 12 to 4 p.m.

### **CZECHIA**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph Expressways: 110 kph

Motorway (Autostráda/Dálková Silnice): 130 kph Expressway / Motorway in Urban Area: 80 kph



### WINTER TIRES

All-season (M+S) or winter tires are required Nov. 1 to March 31, as well as when the temperature is lower than 4 degrees Celsius or there is inclement winter weather.



### DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

Zero tolerance: 0.0%



### **TOLLS**

Vignettes are required on most motorways and can be purchased at www.edalnice.cz/en.



### REQUIREMENTS

- · First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- Reflective vest (recommended)



### **SAFETY**

- Within 50 meters of railroad crossings, the speed limit is 30 kph.
- · Border authorities must inspect and note all visible damage to vehicles entering Czechia.
- · Headlights or daytime running lights must be on at all times
- · Children under 36 kilograms (80 pounds) and 1.5 meters tall must be in child restraints/booster seats.

### **CROATIA**



### SPEED LIMITS

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph Expressway: 110 kph

Motorway: 130 kph



### **TOLLS**

Tollbooths along motorways.



### WINTER TIRES

Winter equipment is mandatory Nov. 15-April 15 or when there is snow or ice on the roads. Equipment includes winter tires or summer tires with chains.



# **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05% New drivers: 7ero tolerance 0.0%



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- · First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- Reflective vest
- · Spare bulbs (unless the car has xenon, LED or neon bulbs)



### **SAFETY**

Daytime running lights are mandatory during winter, after daylight savings time.

### **DENMARK**



### SPEED LIMITS

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph Motorways: 130 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are not required; however, they are recommended during winter.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal Limit: .05%



### **TOLLS**

- Tolls on the Øresundsbroen and Storebæltsbroen bridges are paid at booths.
- Large cities have low emission zone requirements: miljoezoner.dk/en.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

Warning Triangle



### **SAFETY**

There are designated slow lanes for use only by vehicles going slower than the signs indicate.

### **FRANCE**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph

Motorway (Autoroute) Urban Area: 110 kph Motorway (Autoroute): 130 kph/100 kph when wet

Low visibility (<50 m): 50 kph



### **TOLLS**

- · Tollbooths along motorways, some bridges and tunnels.
- Most urban areas require a Crit'Air (Air Quality Certificate) sticker. Visit certificat-air.gouv.fr for details and to order one for your vehicle before traveling.



### WINTER TIRES

All-season (M+S) or winter tires are recommended (not required), except as indicated by road signs in mountainous regions from Nov. 1- March 31.



### REQUIREMENTS

- Warning triangle Reflective vest

- · Traffic entering a roundabout has the right of way unless it is signed: "Vous n'avez pas la priorité" or "Cédez le passage"
- Regardless of height, children up to age 10 must travel in a child safety seat.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05%

New drivers (less than 3 years): Below .02%

### **HUNGARY**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph Expressways: 110 kph

Motorways (autópálya): 130 kph



Vignettes are required on most motorways, purchase at toll-charge.hu/en.



### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are not required, but snow chains may be depending on the conditions.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Zero tolerance: 0.0%



### **REOUIREMENTS**

Warning Triangle



Daytime running lights are required in urban areas.



### KOSOVO



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph Motorway: 130 kph



### **WINTER TIRES**

Winter tires and snow chains are required Nov. 15 -March 15



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .01%



### **TOLLS**



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- First-aid kit
- · Fire extinguisher (recom-
- · Warning triangle
- mended) · Reflective vest (for everyone) · Spare bulbs (recommended)



### **SAFETY**

- · Road quality is poor, especially in rural areas.
- · Avoid traveling at night.
- · Purchase local third-party insurance, European Green Card vehicle insurance isn't valid.
- Kosovo traffic is chaotic and slightly aggressive.
- · Children under 12 must be in the back seat.

### **LUXEMBOURG**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Housing areas, (Zone de rencontre): 20 kph Urban areas: 30 kph (as signed) Inside City Limits: 50 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are required in winter conditions, regardless of time of year.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05% New drivers: Below .02%



### **TOLLS**



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Warning triangle
  - Reflective vest
  - · First-aid kit (recommended)



### **SAFETY**

- In a "zone de rencontre," pedestrians have priority.
- Any child under 18 who is less than 150 cm tall and weighs less than 36 kg must be in a child seat.



### **NETHERLANDS**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph

Motorways / Expressways: 110-130 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Not required



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05%

New drivers (less than 5 years): Below 0.02%



### **TOLLS**

- · Tolls are paid at booths for the Kiltunnel, Westerscheldetunnel.
- · An e-toll is required to use the A24 Blankenburg connection tunnel, paid at www.e-tol.nl/en.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- · Warning triangle
- · First-aid kit (recommended)
- · Reflective vest (recommended)



### **SAFETY**

- · Bicycles always have priority over cars and even when a driver has right-of-way it is recommended to give way to cyclists.
- · Do not use your horn unless necessary during the day and never at night; penalties are high for excessive use of horns.

### NORTH MACEDONIA



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph Motorway: 120 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires or snow chains, if you're traveling between Nov. 15 - March 15.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal Limit: Below .05%

New Drivers (less than 2 years): Below .009%



### **TOLLS**

Tolls paid at booths along the A1, A2 and A4.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- · First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- xenon, neon & LED bulbs)
- · Reflective vest (recommended)
  - (recommended)



### **SAFETY**

- · Drive with your headlights on in the daytime.
- If traveling near the border with Kosovo, use primary roads and travel during daylight hours.



### **PORTUGAL**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90 kph Expressways: 100 kph Motorways: 120 kph



### **WINTER TIRES**

Winter tires are not required. Snow chains mandatory in signed areas in winter.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: .05% New Drivers: .02%



### **TOLLS**

Toll booths on select motorways.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- · Warning triangle
- · Reflective vest



### **SAFETY**

 When red and amber lights are on together, it means the light will soon change to green.

### **ROMANIA**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90-100 kph Expressway (Drumuri expres): 100 kph

Motorway: 130 kph



### **WINTER TIRES**

Winter tires are required on snowy and icy roads.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Zero tolerance: 0.0%



### **TOLLS**

Vignettes required. Visit www.roviniete.ro to purchase.



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- · First-aid kit
- · Red warning triangle
- · Reflective vest
- · Fire extinguisher



### **SAFETY**

- Be cautious driving rural areas with poor roads, lighting and signage; be aware of pedestrians, carriages and livestock.
- Children under 1.5 meters in height or 12 years of age must be in proper child restraints or booster seats.
- Headlights or daytime running lights must be on at all times.



### SLOVENIA



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 90kph Expressways: 110 kph Motorways: 130 kph



### WINTER TIRES

Winter tires are mandatory Nov. 15-March 15 and when there are wintry conditions.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Zero Tolerance: .05% New Drivers: Zero tolerance 0.0%



### **TOLLS**

- Vignettes are required, and e-vignettes are available at evinjeta.dars.si/en.
- The Karavanke tunnel at the border with Austria has an extra toll



### **REQUIREMENTS**

- First-aid kit
- Warning triangle
- Reflective vest
- Spare tire or repair kit
- · Spare light bulbs



### **SAFETY**

Daytime running lights are required.

### **SWITZERLAND**



### **SPEED LIMITS**

Inside City Limits: 50 kph Outside City Limits: 80 kph

Major Road Outside City Limits: 100 kph Motorway (Autobahn): 120 kph



### **WINTER TIRES**

All-season (M+S) or winter tires recommended from fall to spring and required in some mountainous areas as indicated by signs; if impeding traffic in winter conditions without adequate tires, you can be fined.



### **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED**

Legal limit: Below .05% New drivers: Below .01%



### **TOLLS**

 $\label{thm:prop} \mbox{Vignettes are required on motorways.}$ 



### **REQUIREMENTS**

· Warning triangle



### OTHER INFORMATION

- If involved in a minor accident and police are not called, a European Accident Statement Form must be completed.
- When rounding blind curves outside built-up areas, drivers must honk during the day or flash headlights at night.
- Headlights or daytime running lights must be on at all times.



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