

TRAFFIC RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING

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Abstract

Traffic is a wide term which includes not only means of transport but also pedestrian, vehicles, animals, human beings also. Traffic rules motivate us to regulate traffic while moving on road. Traffic signals bound us to move, stop, slow down etc as per the requirement of traffic on roads. We all should present decent behavior when we are part of the traffic because disobeying of traffic rules will not only create nuisance on roads but also cause accidents which will lead to loss of many precious lives.

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Present paper is an attempt to discuss in detail the traffic rules and signals while moving on roads because road is a public place not a private one. Traffic rules guides us how we should move and drive on the road. Moreover traffic rules help to keep traffic move safely on the road. It is quite a big topic how we should move on the road. The rules of the road include traffic control which can also be provided by law enforcement. We must also obey directions given by such laws while moving on the road.

Following are various rules and regulations we should follow on the road:

- It is always advisable not to try on the road without valid driving license.
- Vehicle registration certificate is also an important document required while driving on the road.

- Valid vehicle insurance certificate is also mandatory document which is needed while driving on the road.
- It is also necessary to keep valid pollution control certificate issued from the approved agencies of Government.

Certain rules of the road should also be followed while driving on the road:

- We should also keep left on a two way road to allow the remaining traffic to pass which is coming from the opposite direction. But if we talk of a one way road we should allow vehicles coming from behind us to overtake from the right side only.
- We should always keep to the left side when turning to the left side of the road. But while turning towards right side we should move to the centre of the road.
- It is always good to slow down at the junctions of the road and on road corners. One should also wait for a clear passage ahead.
- We should also use direction indicators while turning left or right as per our requirement well in advance.
- While driving a two wheeler wearing of helmet is compulsory. Helmet must conform to the ISI standards and so should be of ISI mark. Helmet works as a solid shield in case of any road accident or mishap. For proper safety the strap of the helmet should be properly locked otherwise helmet may slip from the head and injury may occur for not properly wearing the helmet.
- One should also not cross yellow line while driving on the road even while overtaking.
- One should also use the horn only and only when it is necessary. Do not use the horn in silence zone such as schools, hospitals etc. It is also not advisable to fit loud multi toned or shrill sound producing horns on vehicles.
- We should also maintain an adequate distance from the vehicle moving ahead in order to avoid collision incase vehicle in front of us slows down or stops due to any reason.

- We should not apply brakes suddenly except for safety reason.
- When repairing of road work is going on we should slow down and drive at speed not exceeding 25 km per hour or below the speed as mentioned on the road.
- While overtaking is required, overtake from the right side of the vehicle you are passing. If the driver of the vehicle in the front of you indicates that he is turning right we should let him pass first.
- We should use down beam of lights while driving at night. The high beam lights are used in foggy conditions so that other drivers can see the vehicle while driving on the road. Always use dipper at night.
- Always follow the road light signals otherwise it may be a big cause of accident.
- We should give clear passage to ambulance or any other emergency moving vehicle.

So for a safe driving one should remember to follow traffic rules discussed above as traffic also include people and animals. We should give way or slow down where we come across such type of traffic on the road. The rules of the road advise safety of not only oneself but also of others which is our moral and social duty. As social human being we should give our best to follow the traffic rules and as far as possible we should also guide others to follow the road safety rules. The practice will definitely contribute a lot for the safety of all. The ministry has circulated a draft action plan for the implementation of multi pronged strategy for improving road safety to all the state. The road safety rules also help in reducing the aggressive behavior which results in road rage activities. Pleasant mood of driver while driving is also an important aspect in smooth and safe driving.

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