



## PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA

### • FINES FOR FOREIGN MOTORISTS

When driving in Italy, foreign driving licence or international driving permit holders must obey all Italian Highway Code rules. In case of infringement they can be fined and the same sanctions as for the Italian drivers are enforced, regardless whether or not a point system is adopted for driving licence in their home country (article 135, paragraph 4, Italian Highway Code).

Foreign drivers, caught by a traffic officer committing a driving offence with a foreign or EE-registered vehicle, are entitled to pay a 30% - reduced fine. The traffic officer will issue a receipt. In case the fine is not fully paid on the spot, a deposit must be paid to the traffic officer (half amount of the maximum fine requested by the Italian Highway Code for the infringement or minimum fine amount for vehicles registered in EU countries being members of the EEA); otherwise the vehicle is seized up to 60 days, until full payment of the fine, and storage fees are charged to the offender. The traffic officer will give the offender a written report stating the amount paid.

Italian authorities record all infringements committed by foreign motorists. The punishment for foreign drivers having built up 20 penalty points in 1-year time is a 2-year ban from driving in Italy. In case they have built up 20 penalty points in 2-year time the punishment is a 1-year ban from driving in Italy. In case they have built up 20 penalty points in a period of 2 to 3 years the punishment is a 6-month ban from driving in Italy.

### MAIN DRIVING SANCTIONS

Seat belts are compulsory for the driver and for all passengers on all vehicles, including micro cars. The driver, or the adult accompanying the minor, is responsible for compliance regarding the appropriate restraint system / child seat / seat belts.

FINE for non-compliance (article 172, paragraph 10, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.  
PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -5 out of 20 full starting points.

Speed limits. FINE for non-compliance (article 142, paragraphs 7-11, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 3,287 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -3 to -10 out of 20 full starting points.

Restricted Traffic Areas ("Zone a Traffico Limitato"). FINE for non-compliance (article 7, paragraph 14, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: 0 out of 20 full starting points.

Drunk driving FINE (article 186, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code): 527 to 6,000 Euros according to blood alcohol level.

OTHER SANCTIONS: Confiscation and/or withdrawal of the driving licence; imprisonment up to 1 year.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

Driving under the influence of drugs. FINE (article 187, Italian Highway Code): 1,500 to 6,000 Euros.

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PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

In case of accident resulting in damage of someone else's property, the offender must stop.

FINE for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 5, Italian Highway Code): 294 to 1,174 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -4 out of 20 full starting points.

In case of accident resulting in third parties' death or injuries, the offender must stop.

SANCTIONS for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 6, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 1 to 3 years.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

SANCTIONS for non-compliance with the obligation to assist injured people involved in the accident (article 189, paragraph 7, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 1 to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 18 months to 5 years.

In case of accident involving animals (pets, protected animals or other animals kept for domestic use or profit), the road user having caused the accident must stop and expedite assistance.

FINE for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 9bis, Italian Highway Code): 410 to 1,643 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: 0 out of 20 full starting points.

Anyone involved in an accident where animals are injured (pets, protected animals or other animals kept for domestic use or profit) must expedite assistance.

FINE for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 9bis, Italian Highway Code): 82 to 328 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: 0 out of 20 full starting points.