

PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA



WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR A BREAKDOWN OR WHEN STEPPING OUT OF THE VEHICLE

A [reflective jacket / waistcoat or reflective braces](#) must be worn when stepping out of a vehicle – in case of an accident, a breakdown or for any other reason - outside built-up areas at night and even in the daytime in case of poor visibility. This applies also in rest areas and in the emergency lane of motorways. For this reason, reflective items as above are supposed to be available at all times in the driver and passenger compartment.

FINE for no compliance (article 162, paragraph 5, Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -2 out of 20 full starting points.

[In case of an accident](#) it is compulsory to stop and ascertain the extent of the damage caused to other vehicles or property. If necessary, call the municipal or road police.

If you cause an accident involving injury, or even if you note the presence of injured people after an accident you are not involved in, you must stop and provide assistance. If necessary, you must call 112, which is the European emergency phone number to contact any emergency service throughout the EU. Please note that in Italy, this number is not yet activated in all Regions and Provinces. In this case, the usual numbers shown below are still valid: 112 (Carabinieri) or 113 (Police) or the Road Police, 115 Fire brigade.

In case of an accident involving animals (pets, protected animals or other animals kept for domestic use or profit), [the driver must stop](#) and ensure timely assistance.

ACI Road Assistance is available all year round, 24 hours a day, by dialling the numbers **803.116**, toll-free from landline or mobile with Italian provider, or **800.116.800**, toll-free from a mobile with foreign provider.

On motorways S.O.S. posts are provided to call for assistance from the first road patrol available.

The hearing impaired can obtain Road Assistance in Italy by sending an SMS to the mobile phone number +39.339.9943116.

Information on road and traffic conditions is available 24 hours a day through the telephone number 1518 (in Italian only).

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): 296 to 1,184 Euros.

OTHER SANCTIONS: from 15 days to 2 months of driving ban, if the accident results in damage to the vehicle so serious that a technical inspection is needed.

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In case of accident resulting in third parties' injuries, the offender must stop. **SANCTIONS** for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 6, Italian Highway Code): from 6 months to 3 years of imprisonment; from 1 to 3 years of driving ban.

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): from 1 to 3 years of imprisonment; from 18 months to 5 years of driving ban.

