



Automobile Club d'Italia



INFORMATION FOR VISITING MOTORISTS DRIVING IN ITALY

HOW TO EXIT A VEHICLE SAFELY IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT OR BREAKDOWN

High visibility vests or braces* must be worn by drivers and any passengers when stepping out of the vehicle – in case of an accident, breakdown or for any other reason - outside of built-up areas, at night and even in the daytime in case of poor visibility. This also applies in lay-bys and emergency lanes. For this reason, high visibility items must always be kept in the vehicle's driver and passenger compartments. In case of non-compliance, the fines provided for in Article 162 paragraph 5 of the Italian Highway Code apply. After an accident** you must stop and check the damage caused to other vehicles or property. If necessary, call the local or road police.

If you cause or witness an accident involving injuries to any person, you must stop and provide assistance. If necessary, call the 112 Single Emergency Number, which is the European emergency phone number to contact any emergency service throughout the EU. Since this number is not yet active in all Italian regions and provinces, the following numbers can also be used:

- 118 Medical Emergency
- 112 *Carabinieri* (police of Ministry of Defence)
- 113 Police (police of Ministry of Domestic Affairs) or Road Police
- 115 Fire Brigade.

Failing to provide assistance to injured persons is punished with imprisonment from 1 to 3 years and driving ban from 1.5 to 5 years (Article 189, paragraph 7 of the Italian Highway Code).

In the event of an accident involving animals, you must stop*** and help rescue pets (e.g. dogs, cats), livestock or protected animals.

If you need to request ACI roadside assistance, call the toll-free numbers **803.116** - from landline or Italian mobile phones providers - or **800.116.800** - from foreign mobile phones providers. Both numbers are available every day, 24 hours a day.

On motorways, SOS columns help you to receive assistance from the first available tow truck.

Hearing-impaired people can request roadside assistance in Italy by sending a text message to the following mobile phone number **+39.339.9943116**.

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

In case of accidents resulting in damage to someone else's property, the person having caused the accident must stop. In case of non-compliance, the sanctions provided for in Article 189 paragraph 5 of the Italian Highway Code apply. A driving ban from 15 days to 2 months also applies when the damage to the vehicles is so serious that a technical inspection is needed.



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In case of accidents resulting in someone else's personal injuries, the person having caused the accident must stop. Failure to comply with this obligation entails imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years and driving ban from 1 to 3 years (Article 189 paragraph 6 of the Italian Highway Code).

Whoever fails to provide assistance to injured persons is punished with imprisonment from 1 to 3 years and driving ban from 1.5 to 5 years (Article 189 paragraph 7 of the Italian Highway Code).

*It is advisable to store the high-visibility jackets or braces in the passenger compartment (and not in the boot) to put it/them on before getting out of the car without committing an offence. High visibility vests/braces must have specific technical features established by law. It is important to check that the garments bear the CE along with the international standard UNI EN 471 marks.

**In the event of an accident resulting in damage to someone else's property, drivers and any other road users involved must avoid obstructing traffic by placing the vehicle off the carriageway, if possible, or, if not, on the right edge of the carriageway and parallel to it. In case of non-compliance, the fines provided for in Article 189 paragraph 9 of the Italian Highway Code apply.

***In case of non-compliance, the sanctions provided for in Article 189 paragraph 9-bis of the Italian Highway Code apply. Whoever fails to take all appropriate measures to ensure prompt rescue of pets, livestock or protected animals involved in an accident is punished with the fines provided for in Article 189 paragraph 9-bis of the Italian Highway Code.