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# MAIN RULES

- In South Africa, if there are no road signs, the "Stop Street" rule applies: the first to arrive at the intersection is the first to proceed. The concept of a main road does not exist.
- At roundabouts, the same principle applies: "The first to arrive is the first to exit."
- Stop sign (left): You must come to a complete stop (even if there is no one else at the intersection) and proceed only after yielding to those who arrived at the intersection before you.
- At non-functioning traffic lights: the rule is the same as for a stop sign.
- Speeding is allowed up to 10 km/h over the speed limit.

## URNS ON GREEN/ORANGE LIGHT:

➤ Turning is possible not only on the arrow but also on the green light if there is no oncoming traffic. Often, turns are also made on the amber light.

➤ The arrow often does not work at all.

## WINDOWS AND VALUABLES IN THE CAR

While driving, it is recommended to keep the windows closed or slightly open no more than 4 cm. Risk: at traffic lights, they might attempt to break them (so-called "Smash and grab").

Car doors must always be locked.

Keep a safe distance from the car ahead to allow room to maneuver if needed.

When parked: remove all items from the cabin to the trunk or hide them out of sight. This includes bags, jackets. Items visible inside the car provoke thefts.

Ensure that the car is locked.

If possible, set the alarm to unlock the driver's door first, then the rest.





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# POLICE STOP GUIDELINES



Documents are required upon the purchase of the vehicle.

TRN – traffic register number.



Stop only at official checkpoints where there are at least three vehicles. If something seems suspicious about being stopped, it's better to drive to the nearest police station.



They may require your Russian driver's license (always) and international driver's license (rarely). Local licenses are needed only for Permanent Residents.



Vehicle documents/insurance are not required.



Sometimes during raids, they may ask for your passport with a visa.



Occasionally, the police officer may be incompetent and demand everything.

Politely show what you have





# NIGHT DRIVING AND HIGHWAYS



Driving after 6:00 PM is considered more dangerous. Many locals prefer not to drive after 8:00 PM. Always keep your doors locked. When traveling between cities, choose large gas stations with shops and restaurants. On highways, there is a risk of attacks or strikes, especially in the evening.



If at night or in a sketchy area, you see a red light ahead, slow down to the minimum speed. Wait for the green light and drive through the intersection without stopping (or at least minimize the time you stop).



In the evenings, stones may be thrown from bridges or spikes may be placed on the road to stop the car and hijack it. If something hits your car, do not stop immediately. Instead, drive to the nearest gas station or other safe location.



Avoid townships (slums), such as Alexandra, Tembisa, and Diepsloot. It's better to take a longer but safer route. Always choose main roads, like highways and municipal routes. Whenever possible, use large, well-equipped gas stations, preferably those with a lot of visitors.



# PARKING ATTENDANTS



Parking attendants often work in parking lots, helping you park and exit.



If they assist you, you can leave a tip of 1–10 rands.



Even if a parking attendant promises to "watch" your car, don't rely on them.

# REFUELING A VEHICLE



Drive up to the pump and wait for the attendant. Do not exit your car.



Local fuel types: 92, 95, or diesel.



The attendant will bring a terminal for payment.



They may offer to clean your windows, check tire pressure, or oil levels.



Tipping is optional – usually 5–20 rands.





## IN CASE OF AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY (WHILE IN THE CAR)

- **Do not panic (although it's difficult).**
- **Do not look at the robbers.**
- **Even while sitting in the car, if someone approaches and starts knocking on the window, keep your focus on the road ahead and try to drive away when possible.**
- **Keep in mind that in nine out of ten cases, robbers are bluffing.**
- **Usually, guns are either fake, unloaded, or non-lethal (e.g., air guns). However, testing this is not advisable.**
- **If the window is slightly open by about a centimeter, it's unlikely they'll be able to break it.**
- **Local police recommend not resisting: give them what they want and avoid looking at the robbers. This increases your chances of staying safe.**
- **They don't need you. They need your belongings (car, phone, watch), which they can quickly sell for money.**
- **However, if you stare at them, they may harm you to prevent identification later.**



## EXAMPLE OF A SCAM

- You're driving down the street, and some guys passing by start pointing under bumper and making wide-eyed gestures, as if something is leaking or has fallen out.
- The plan is for you to stop and step out to check what's wrong.
- That's when they rob you.
- Do not stop, do not open doors or windows, and do not leave the car. Drive to place. In 99.9% of cases, it's a scam.



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