

# BEST PRACTICE



# ROAD SAFETY GUIDE



## KEEP LEFT

- Always drive on the left side of the road in New Zealand.

## SEAT BELTS

- **Everyone** in the vehicle **must wear** a **seat belt** or **child restraint**.
- Failure to wear a seatbelt will incur a **fine of \$150**.

## OVERTAKING AND PASSING

- You must only pass another vehicle when you have at least 100 metres of clear visibility.
- You must **never** cross a solid yellow line on your side of the centre line to overtake a vehicle.

## DRIVING SPEEDS

- You must stick to all speed limits as per signage.
- Speeding **finest up to \$630** for exceeding speed limits.

## DISTRACTIONS AND MOBILE PHONES

You cannot use your hand-held phone while driving. **Fine = \$80**

## INTERSECTIONS



At a stop sign you must come to a complete stop, then give way to all traffic.

**Fine = \$150**



At a give way sign, you must give way to traffic on the intersecting road. If turning, you must also give way to vehicles that are not turning.

**Fine = \$150**



At roundabouts, you must give way to traffic from your right. You must travel around the roundabout in a clockwise direction.

**Fine = \$150**

## **RAILWAY CROSSINGS**



Requires you to STOP and Look both ways before crossing.



Automatic in their operation with the approach of a train. Still requires you to look.



If the lights are flashing, the bells are ringing and/or the barrier arm has started to lower, then you must stop.

## **STOPPING FOR POLICE OR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- Police – Red and Blue Lights
- Ambulance – Red and white

- Fire – Red and White

If you are being followed by one of these using lights and / or siren, move to the left and stop immediately if it's a police car. **Fine = \$150**

### **DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

- You must have your current drivers license with you at all times when you're driving.
- After 12 months of living in New Zealand you must obtain a New Zealand driver license.

### **DRINK DRIVING**

The following laws apply to drink driving in New Zealand:

- Under 20 - There is a zero-alcohol limit if you are under 20.
- 20 or over - You must not drive if you have consumed more than the legal alcohol limit.
- Any alcohol will affect your ability to drive.

**If you are caught drinking and driving in New Zealand fines range from \$250 to \$4500**

### **ACCIDENTS**



- Stop, check everyone involved is ok, and exchange names and addresses.

**TIP - Make sure you have at least 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance before you drive.**