



# OBLIGATORY RULES WHEN DRIVING ON THE ROADS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA!

## 1. Vignette sticker



**300 to 3000 BGN fine**

Motor vehicles must have a valid vignette sticker for paid vignette fee. The sticker is stuck at the bottom right corner of the vehicle's windscreen. If necessary, the driver presents a document proving payment of the sticker.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

- Temporary stopping/suspending the motor vehicle from movement.
  - Withdrawal of the vehicle's registration certificate until payment of vignette fee.
- Fine of 300 to 3000 BGN, as per type of vehicle.

## 2. Lights switched on



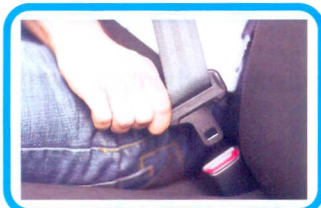
**20 to 150 BGN fine**

At daytime motor vehicles must have their daytime running lights, or low beam lights, switched on.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

Fine of 20 to 150 BGN to driver.

## 3. Safety Seat Belt



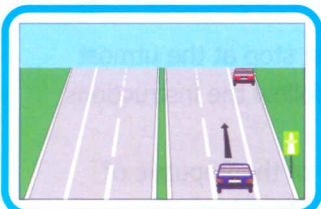
**50 BGN Fine**

Drivers and passengers in motor vehicles must use a safety seat belt (safety helmet).

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

- Fine of 50 BGN to driver without safety belt or helmet, or transporting passengers without safety belt or helmet.
- Fine of 50 BGN to passenger without safety belt or helmet.

## 4. Irregular stopping



**150 BGN fine**

On the highway, driving or stopping in the emergency lane is banned, except in case of vehicle breakdown, or health problems of driver or passengers.

It is mandatory to designate the vehicle with a reflective triangle.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

Fine of 150 BGN to driver who has not designated the stopped vehicle; fine of 20 BGN to driver who unlawfully stops over or parks incorrectly, or violates the rules of vehicles' position on the traffic lane.



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## 5. Use of alcohol



**500 or 1000 BGN fine**

The driver and the owner of the motor vehicle are forbidden to provide it to a driver who has used alcohol and/or narcotic substances, or who is uncertified.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

- Temporary withdrawal of driving license to driver with alcohol concentration in blood above 0,5/1000 and/or after use of narcotics, and who refuses to be checked – until the liability issue is resolved, but for not more than 18 months.
- Temporary suspension of vehicle to be driven on roads to owner who provides it to person with alcohol concentration in blood above 0,5/1000 and/or under influence of narcotics – for a period of 1 month.
- Termination of vehicle's registration to owner who drives unlicensed and/or after using alcohol and/or narcotics, and who refuses to be checked; as well as to owner whose motor vehicle is driven by person who does not hold a relevant driving license – for a period of 6 months to 1 year.
- Fine and withdrawal of the right to drive a motor vehicle on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria to driver with concentration of alcohol in the blood:
  - over 0,5 to 0,8/1000 including – fine of 500 BGN and withdrawal for 6 months;
  - over 0,8 to 1,2/1000 including – fine of 1000 BGN and withdrawal for 12 months.
- Fine of 100 to 300 BGN to person driving a motor vehicle without holding a driving license, and to owner or driver who allows driving of motor vehicle to person, who does not hold a driving license, has used alcohol and/or narcotics.

## 6. Temporary bans



**300 BGN fine**

Drivers must abide by temporary road traffic bans.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

- Withdrawal of the right to drive a motor vehicle on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for 1 month and fine of 300 BGN to driver who enters a road with a road sign that bans entry, under enforced temporary ban of traffic.

The driving license is taken away upon issuing the act for the established violation.

- Withdrawal of motor vehicle's registration certificate from the owner who drives, or allows the motor vehicle to be driven, in an area with enforced temporary traffic ban out of populated areas – for a period of 3 months.

## 7. Instructions



**1000 BGN fine**

Drivers must follow the instructions of the traffic control and regulation authorities when there is a temporary traffic arrangement.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

- Withdrawal of the right to drive a motor vehicle on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for 3 months and fine of 1000 BGN.

## 8. Upon a signal



**Up to 200 BGN fine**

When signaled by the control authorities to stop, the driver must stop at the utmost right side of the traffic lane, or at the designated location, and follow the instructions.

CONSEQUENCES UPON ESTABLISHED VIOLATION:

Withdrawal of the right to drive a motor vehicle on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for a period of 1 to 6 months and fine of 50 to 200 BGN to driver who:

- refuses to submit his/her documents to the control authorities;
- in any way obstructs check and verification;
- refuses to follow orders by traffic control and regulation authorities.

