

Having Rights Also Means Having Obligations

Traffic information



- the maximum speed limit in built-up areas is 50 km/h
- the maximum speed limit outside of built-up areas is 90 km/h
- the maximum speed limit on expressways is 110 km/h
- the maximum speed limit on motorways is 130 km/h

For failure to comply with the maximum speed limit you can be fined up to CZK 10,000.00 in administrative proceedings.

- Motor vehicles must have their lights on all year round.
- While driving the driver is not allowed to hold a mobile phone in his/her hand

Non-compliance with these provisions results in the driver committing an offence and running the risk of being fined up to CZK 2,500.00 in administrative proceedings.



In the Czech Republic it is not allowed to drive a vehicle (car, motorcycle, lorry, etc.) under the influence of alcohol, as **there is ZERO tolerance** to alcohol in drivers. The minimum fines for driving under the influence of alcohol range from CZK 2,500.00 to CZK 50,000.00 along with a driving ban from 6 months to 2 years and the maximum penalty is imprisonment of up to 1 year.

How to stop and park:

1. On the right hand side in the direction of travel as close as possible to the curb (on a one-way road – either on the right or on the left);
2. In one line and parallel to the edge of the road (in certain cases perpendicular or angle stopping or parking is allowed as well as stopping in the second line of parked vehicles);
3. Ensuring that upon parking one lane at least 3 m wide for traffic in each direction remains unobstructed or that upon stopping one lane at least 3 m wide for traffic for both directions remains unobstructed.

WARNING! It is always necessary to observe the marked parking instructions including those showing the positioning of the vehicles.

It is not allowed to stop or park (selected passages from the law):

- on a blind corner or its close proximity,
- in front of a blind crest of a slope, on it or behind it,
- on a pedestrian crossing or within a distance of less than 5 m in front of it,
- at a junction or at a distance of less than 5 m from the edge of the junction or 5 m behind it,
- on a slip road or exit lane,
- on a level crossing, in an underpass or a tunnel or at a distance of less than 15 m in front of or behind them,
- at a place where the vehicle would obscure a vertical or horizontal traffic sign "Direction Arrows" or "Sign Painted on the Road",
- in a dedicated lane,
- in front of the entry to a road from a field or forest path or entrance from a place situated outside of a road,

- on a bridge,
- at reserved parking areas, unless it is the vehicle which the parking space is reserved for,
- on the road greenery unless allowed by local regulations

WARNING! The law allows the towing away of vehicles that have been parked illegally at any reserved parking area.



Footpath and cycle-path – pedestrians are obliged to use only one dedicated lane (the same applies for cyclists). For failure to observe the dedicated lane you can be fined up to the amount of CZK 2,500.00 in administrative proceedings.

In the Czech Republic it is not allowed:

- To enable a person under the age of 18 years to consume alcoholic substances (this may result in a fine of up to CZK 5,000.00).
- To smoke on covered platforms or in waiting rooms of public road and rail transport or city public transport.
- To smoke in indoor areas of restaurants (applies from May 31, 2017)
- To disturb the peace of night (10 p.m. – 6 a.m., this may result in a fine of up to CZK 10,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 15,000.00).
- To cause a public nuisance (for example by lying on a pavement in a heavily drunken condition, loudly shouting vulgarities, this may result in a fine of up to CZK 10,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 15,000.00).
- To pollute public spaces by dropping litter or urinating (this may result in a fine of up to CZK 10,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 30,000.00).
- To insult or ridicule another person (this may result in a fine of up to CZK 20,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 30,000.00).
- To cause physical harm to other persons or threaten them with such (this may result in a fine of up to CZK 20,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 30,000.00).
- To wilfully carry out malicious acts against others, for example letting down the tyres of vehicles (this may result in a fine of up to CZK 20,000.00, for a repeated offence up to CZK 30,000.00)

Drugs

Possession of any amount of drugs is **illegal** – in the case of small quantities this concerns an offence coming under the protection against alcoholism and other addictions, in the case of larger quantities it is a criminal offence carrying a possible custodial sentence of up to 5 years.

WARNING! In some towns and villages of the Czech Republic a no alcohol policy applies in public areas in certain localities.

Important contacts:

Police of the CR	158	Town Police	156
Fire Service	150	EU Emergency Line	112
Emergency Medical Service	155		

More information at www.policie.cz





Compliance with Czech Laws

Foreigners are required to have the following documents when staying in the territory of the Czech Republic

- Valid travel document (identity card or passport)
- Valid visa, if required

For driving a vehicle:

- Driving license
- Vehicle registration certificate
- Third-party motor vehicle insurance

Obligations of a foreigner:

- At the request of the Czech Police to prove his/her identity by presenting a travel document or possibly a different document proving his/her identity
- To only stay in the territory if he/she has a valid travel document and a visa, if required
- The travel document must not be damaged, must not contain any unauthorised changes and its integrity must be intact
- The photograph in the document must match the actual likeness of the holder.
- To notify the police about the loss or theft of the travel document immediately
- To comply with the obligation to report his/her stay in the territory, unless this obligation is performed on behalf of the foreigner by his/her accommodation provider
- In cases laid down by law, to submit proof of travel medical insurance during checks of residence

If a foreigner disrupts public order in a serious manner, violates legal regulations of the CR or stays in the territory of the CR illegally, the Czech Police will serve on him/her a decision on the administrative expulsion from the territory of the Member States of the European Union (for EU citizens from the territory of the Czech Republic) or possibly his/her stay in the territory of the Czech Republic will be terminated.