

What to do in case of an accident involving a motor vehicle or other persons

- If the accident is between vehicles or persons don't remove your vehicle before the police arrive at site of the accident
- If a person is injured (but not badly) put him in a vehicle (not the one involved in a collision with another vehicle) and take him and someone who knows the person to the nearest hospital and ask the medical doctor or assistant to call the police
- Show the police your drivers licence, car papers and insurance of your vehicle
- Call the insurance company to assist you, never admit your guilt, only tell the truth of what happened
- Contact the tourism association, your destination resort or reservation agent

What to do if stopped by the traffic police

- Traffic police are dressed in a white shirt and blue trousers - police in grey or green are not allowed to fine you for any traffic offenses.
- Put on your indicator and pull over
- Remove your sun-glasses and turn the music down (a sign of respect and trust)
- Greet the officer politely, never be rude
- Wait for him to ask what he wants and check he is wearing his badge before handing over your identification (no badge then no questions or fine)
- Go through the motions of *showing* your license etc (you do not have to hand it over)
- If you are guilty of an offence first apologise
- If he does not 'forgive' you then insist on a receipt - the actual fine is always cheaper than the bribe
- Keep the receipt and show to your host destination, let them take a copy
- If you have paid and the officer does not give you a receipt do not give up and leave, ask for your money back
- Do not be scared or intimidated but do not get aggressive
- Advise the officer that you will not pay, or want your money back, as the fine is not legal and if he gives you any problems you will report him at your host destination, tourism association, or at the next police station.
- *Do not initiate bribery - it is a major crime and if caught you will be arrested.*
- Help stamp out bribery and corruption

Common traffic offences

- No drivers licence
- Speeding
- Non-roadworthy vehicle (lights/brakes etc not working)
- Not having 2 triangles
- Not having 2 safety jackets
- Not having an insurance policy
- Not wearing seat belts
- Drunk driving
- Ignoring traffic regulator lines, signs etc.
- Not having a blue and yellow towing sticker on the front of your vehicle if towing
- Canoes or loads on top of vehicles must not obstruct ANY view of the windscreen (eg: canoes must face up so curved end does not obstruct view)

Maximum amount for a fine is 1,000mtn

Malaria

- The mosquito that transmits malaria (female Anopheles) is not born with malaria - she has to feed on someone with malaria before she is infected
- She feeds from evening till morning
- Be very strict about applying repellents during this period
- If you are infected - and have not taken any prophylactics - symptoms will appear around 10 days (aching body, sore joints, headache, vomiting, diarrhoea)
- If you have taken prophylactics, symptoms can take up to 3 months to appear. Remember to tell your doctor you have been in a malaria area.
- If you are still in Mozambique, go to clinic/hospital for a test and take the medication supplied (normally a 3/4 day course)
- Do not delay if you suspect you have malaria - it is fatal if not treated!

There is also a private clinic in Xai-Xai. They can be contacted on +258 823 259 730 or +258 823 999 800. There area also numerous pharmacies in town.

If you require advice regarding an accident or police please contact your insurance company, resort destination or the Gaza Tourism Association / ASINHOS (+258 823 969 890).