

Safe Driving Bali:

Safe Scooter Driving Tips for Bali

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You have to *decide on your own* how to drive safely!

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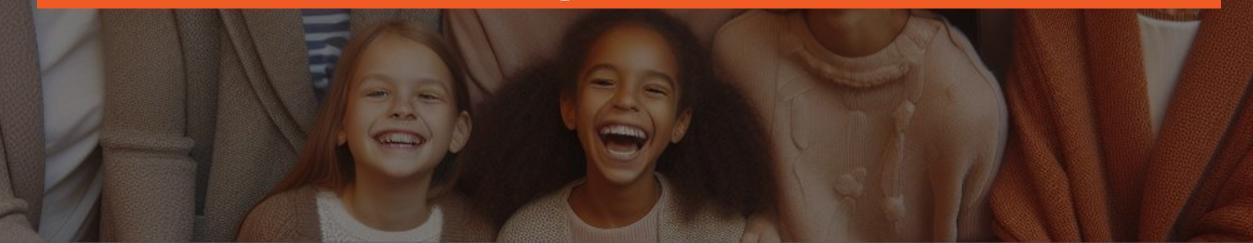




- Starting question
- •Key Tips
- Other ideas



How much do you love your life?





What happens if you're involved in an accident?

- Might reduce your options in life
- May cause long lasting problems
- May result in **financial responsibilites**
- Will likely result in a (potentially serious) physical injury of yourself and or others
- Will likely result in psychological stress of yourself and others

Key-Safe Driving Tips E Eyes on the road.

A *Aware* of the traffic.

S Have a *Safety* margin!

Y Why risk it? (drive defensively)



Eyes on the road: No multitasking!

• Focus on what is **ahead** of you

• Be aware what is **behind** you

(especially before overtaking, but also in general)

• Be aware: Dangers can come from all directions

Example: There might be another scooter (or several) coming out behind every car.

Aware of the Traffic



• Be fully present in driving, do not think about other things

• Do not use the phone

• When using a map, make sure the phone is close to eye level

do not look down to see your phone!

• You can consider driving as **awareness training**

● Awareness of traffic = Self-Love ♥

Leave a margin of Safety



- Always leave a safety margin (distance / time / options)
- Leave enough room for things to go wrong, especially when you overtake
- •You may misjudge your speed, the speed of others, especially when you drive an upward sloping road
- Factor in the environment: **others may make mistakes!**
- Consider others may want to overtake / change lane as well



Why do you want to overtake? Consider the risk!

Questions to ask yourself:

- 1. How much faster will you be at your destination when you overtake?
- **2.** How risky is the situation?
- 3. Do you see what is coming?

*DO <u>NOT</u> overtake if you do not see what is coming or if it's too risky! ONLY overtake if you can see oncoming traffic!



Renting a bike / driving Tips

Tips when you rent a bike



- Make sure the **breaks** are working properly
- Make sure **lights** (front and back) and indicator are working
- Make sure your **helmet** fits
- Set the **mirrors**
- If you want to invest in your security:
 - buy a new helmet
 - have the breaks checked / updated (break pads and break system)
 - you can have this checked at a professional shop
 - think about buying a "fully covered" helmet (protecting the jaw / cheek)



General Tips

- Make sure that you are **well rested** when driving!
 - Don't drive when you are tired!
 - Never drive under the influence of alcohol / substances!
 - If you are tired call a taxi / gojek!
 - Should you have to drive, you have to be extra careful

General Tips



- Check the traffic before overtaking: Use the mirror(s)!
- Signal before overtaking / changing direction: use the indicator!
- Do not make sudden movements
- Flow with the traffic



Other important aspects



General Tips

• Driving at **night** has additional dangers:

•Other drivers sometimes drive without (front and or rear) light!!!!

oPotholes visibility far reduced

•Rain: slippery road, drive more slowly. Make wider curve.

•Otherwise **slippery road:** beware of stones / gravel / sand on road, especially when turning – *this can easily lead to a fall!!!*



Balinese Driving special Aspects

- Honking once / twice short beep usually means one of these:
 - "careful, I want to overtake"
 - Hello / greeting friend
- Honking twice / long usually means:
 - dangerous situation
 - complaint about other driver

General Tips



- Focus on the traffic, don't chat with another person on the bike (front or back)!
- Consider **protective clothing** against abrasion (and sun)

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Common risks (amongst others)

• Driving

• **Possible impact**: head on collision, other **collision with vehicle or object** (e.g. tree, house,...), falling,...

• **Possible causes**: mis-judging speed, not seeing other vehicles, sliding / falling, colliding with other vehicle, animal, adverse road condition (gravel, pothole, rain,...),...



Common risks (amongst others)

• Parking -1

• **Possible impact**: **Bike falling** onto your body / leg...

O Possible causes: uneven ground, lack of control / balance

• Parking -2

• Possible impact: Burn from touching hot exhaust pipe

• **Possible causes**: Touching exhaust pipe of your bike or bike next to you!

Prepare for an Emergency



- Have telephone number(s) to call an **ambulance**
- Have your **emergency information** added to your phone (e.g. blood type!)
- Make sure emergency teams can access your emergency health information (medical ID) on your phone even when locked
- Consider joining our **Emergency Accident Support WA group** for community support

Follow the Rules



- Road rules are imposed for a reason.
- Rules are meant to reduce traffic accidents .
- People with big dreams have died on the road...
- Obeying rules = Self-love
- Make sure you fulfill the legal conditions required for driving
- Make sure you have a valid **insurance** before driving.

- Obey traffic signs and road markings
- Obey the speed limit



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