



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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- We assume you fulfill all legal obligations required to drive in Bali.

YOUR SAFETY IS SOLELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Agenda—

- Starting question
- Key Tips
- Other ideas



A diverse group of people, including men, women, and children of various ages and ethnicities, are laughing joyfully. They are outdoors in an autumn setting with colorful leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The image has a soft, warm glow. An orange banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

**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 responsibilities**
- 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 **S**afety

- 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 NOT** 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!!!!
 - Potholes 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)

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...
- 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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