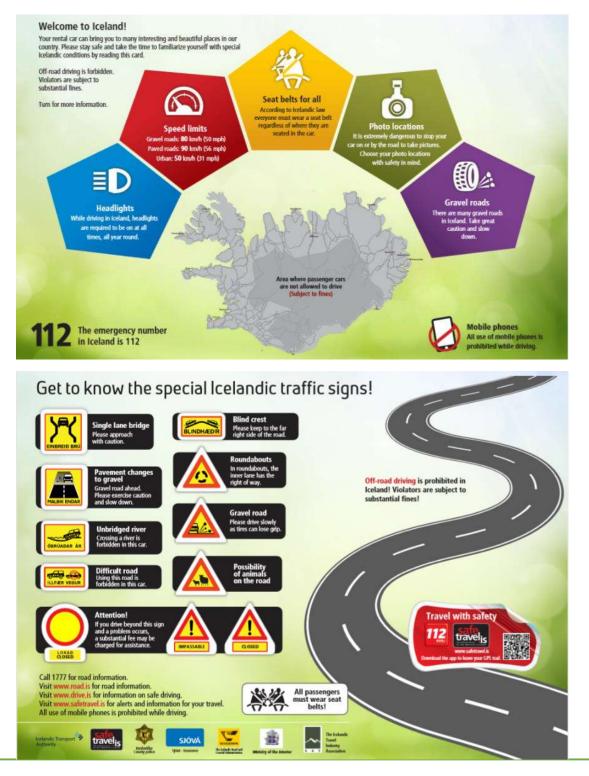




## **Driving in Iceland**



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# New Traffic Regulations in Iceland have Raised Penalties Substantially

Below are some examples of traffic offences and penalties:

Traffic Violation	Before*	Now*
Driving where speed limit is 50 km/h but speed is 88 km/h	€ 328	0.503
Driving where speed limit is 90 km/h but speed is 160 km/h	€ 1,230	€ 1,967
Use of mobile phone without handsfree equipment	€41	€ 328
Fine for not using seatbelts (per passenger)	€82	€ 164
Fine for driving with headlights turned off	€41	€ 328
Fine for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (up to)	€ 1,967	€ 2,623
Fine for overtaking without due caution	£41	€ 164

Remember also to slow down for nature protection (around nesting areas for example) and beware of the sheeps ©

#### Useful links:

Roads conditions: <u>https://safetravel.is/conditions</u> or <u>http://www.road.is/</u> Weather forecast (also usually available on road.is): <u>https://en.vedur.is/</u>

### Advices and useful hints:

- Check the pressure of the tyres every time you go through a N1 station, especially when going to the Highlands where you will need to lower the pressure of the tyres
- The correct pressure for a car's tyres is usually written inside the fuel cap cover or in the frame of the driver's door

*Tyre pressure equivalents:* 

BAR	PSI
2.25 bar	33 psi
2.30 bar	34 psi
2.40 bar	35 psi
2.50 bar	36 psi

1 bar = 14.5 pounds per square inch.





• If you get a flat tyre, replace it with a tyre you have in the car with the jack and spanner. The spare tyre can be under the car in case of pick up for example. In any case, call the coordinator who will direct you to the right place for tyre repair. You can also ask the local ranger if needed.

#### Driving in specific areas/conditions:

#### • Thought tunnels:

If you drive through the tunnel near Akureyri, never mind of the payment, your car has been registered 😊



#### • Highlands

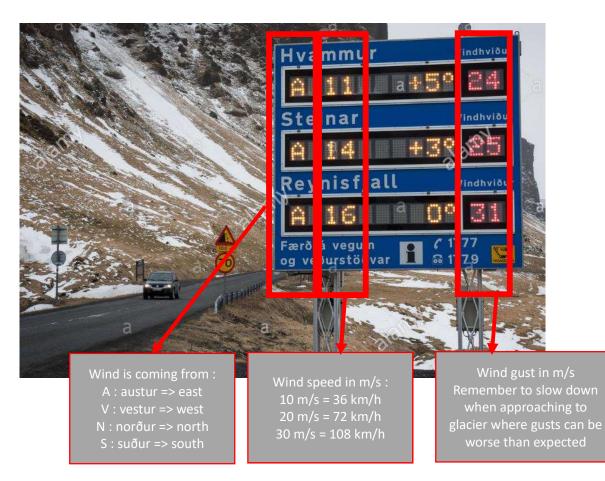
- Read the specific document about how to drive and cross rivers in any case, it's always useful to check and double check weather and road conditions before driving to the highlands. A contact with the local ranger is recommended.
- In the Highlands, most roads are bumpy/gravel/sandy roads. Before you drive to the highlands, it could be useful to lower the pressure of the tyres. Sometimes, you won't be able to drive faster than 20km/h: it's never a problem, take your time <sup>(2)</sup>
- In the Highlands, there are not a lot of gas stations. Make sure to fill the gasoline tank before driving out of the main road. Tight the gasoline tank as much as possible so it doesn't leak.





#### • Crazy weather

- The weather in Iceland is unpredictable even during the summer. Coordinators and local rangers will always warn you about the weather conditions when needed, especially when entering some well-known areas (southern Iceland, the highlands...)
- Many road signs will also warn you about the weather like the wind speeds never underestimate the power of the wind in Iceland // side wind can be unpredictable and really dangerous



😊 PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY 😊

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