

Driving in Europe

German law requires all disabled vehicles to move as far off the road as possible. The warning triangle must be displayed if your car is disabled on any roadway. In any emergency, ADAC, police and ambulance service may be notified quickly with a call from one of the many orange Autobahn emergency telephones.

The telephones, actually metal boxes enclosing two-way speakers and amplifiers, are located six-tenths of a mile apart along the entire autobahn shoulder. The directions to the nearest telephone are indicated by the arrow on top of the small white poles, positioned every 100 yards, on the shoulder of the Autobahn.

To operate the telephone, simply open the small door of the box. You will automatically be connected with the nearest Federal Highway Office. The operator will immediately dispatch those who can assist you.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE Some countries require US Drivers to have an international driver's license before driving within its borders. Documents needed at the time of application include a completed application form (forms in English are available at the issuing agency); a valid USAREUR POV operator's license (AE form 206); a vertical photograph (in civilian clothes) ½ in by 2 in (some cities may require two photographs); and a US passport (only DOD civilians and family members). Applications for an international driver's license must be made in the town or city where the applicant is living.

INSURANCE Read USAREUR Pam 550-160, "Insuring Your Car in the FRG", which can be found at most drivers testing stations, before purchasing insurance. Questions about insurance coverage may be answered by the Legal Assistance Division.

TOLL ROADS In many other countries you may run across toll roads. Make sure you have enough local currency to pay the toll and still get back home. The Scheduled Airline Ticket Office (SATO) and Outdoor Recreation offices have free booklets listing all major toll roads in Europe as well as other motoring interests.

DIRECTIONS

Where is....?	Wo ist...?
How far is it to ...?	Wie weit ist es nach.....?
The first intersection	Die erste Kreuzung
The Station	Der Bahnhof
The City Hall	Das Rathaus
The Hotel	Das Hotel
The Castle	Das Schloss
Left	Links
Right	Rechts
Straight	Geradeaus

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OTHER USEFUL TERMS

Airport	Flughafen	Gasoline	Benzin
Attention	Achtung	Information	Auskunft
City Center	Stadtmitte	No Admittance	Kein Zutritt
Closed	Geschlossen	No Parking	Parken Verboten
Crossroad	Kreuzung	On-way Street	Einbahnstrasse
Danger	Gefahr	Open	Geoeffnet
Detour	Umleitung	Reserved	Reserviert
Entrance	Eingang	Stop	Halt
Exit	Ausgang		

ACCIDENTS

If you are in an accident, remain at the scene. Leaving the scene of an accident is a criminal offense. In Germany, you must by law, use the reflective warning triangle after an accident or breakdown. Place it at a sufficient distance to the rear, to adequately warn other drivers. Signal other motorists away from the accident and make sure to use a flashlight, flare, or other easily visible device when dark. If required, call for medical help/ambulance or have a bystander do it for you. Never move the injured person unless absolutely necessary. First aid should be administered to control sever bleeding and keep the injured person warm to prevent shock.

Inform both the military and German police immediately. Police may demand a Blood Alcohol Test (BAT). Your driver's license will be revoked if you refuse to take it.

Obtain the drivers name, address, age, telephone number and check his license. Note the number, date of expiration, traffic violations, and restrictions. Also, obtain the year, make and license number of the vehicle.