



PER I TURISTI STRANIERI: GUIDARE IN ITALIA

- **WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR A BREAKDOWN OR WHEN STEPPING OUT OF THE VEHICLE**

A reflective jacket / waistcoat or reflective braces must be worn when stepping out of a vehicle – in case of an accident, a breakdown or for any other reason - outside built-up areas at night and even in the daytime in case of poor visibility. This applies also in rest areas and in the emergency lane of motorways. For this reason, reflective items as above are supposed to be available at all times in the driver and passenger compartment.

In case of an accident it is compulsory to stop and ascertain the extent of the damage caused to other vehicles or property. If necessary, call the municipal or road police.

If you cause an accident involving injury, or even if you note the presence of injured people after an accident you are not involved in, you must stop and provide assistance, if necessary by calling 118 for an ambulance or 112 (Carabinieri) or 113 (Police) or the Road Police.

Also in case of an accident involving animals (pets, protected animals or other animals kept for domestic use or profit), the road user having caused the accident must stop and expedite assistance.

ACI Road Assistance is available all year round, 24 hours a day, by dialling the numbers **803.116**, toll-free from landline or mobile with Italian provider, or **800.116.800**, toll-free from a mobile with foreign provider.

On motorways S.O.S. posts are provided to call for assistance from the first road patrol available.

The hearing impaired can obtain Road Assistance in Italy by sending an SMS to the mobile phone number +39.339.9943116.

Information on road and traffic conditions is available 24 hours a day through the telephone number 1518 (in Italian only).

In case of accident resulting in damage of someone else's property, the offender must stop. FINE for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 5, Italian Highway Code): 294 to 1,174 Euros. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -4 out of 20 full starting points.

In case of accident resulting in third parties' death or injuries, the offender must stop. SANCTIONS for non-compliance (article 189, paragraph 6, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 6 months to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 1 to 3 years. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -10 out of 20 full starting points.

SANCTIONS for non-compliance with the obligation to assist injured people involved in the accident (article 189, paragraph 7, Italian Highway Code): imprisonment from 1 to 3 years; confiscation of the driving licence from 18 months to 5 years.