If you have information on a crime that you wish to give anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
Keep Yourself Safe

The emergency number for fire, ambulance and police is 111. Calls are free.

Don’t walk alone late at night and avoid unlit areas.

Don’t carry large amounts of cash, valuables or expensive jewellery with you.

For your own safety, hitchhiking or accepting rides from people you don’t know is not recommended. If you do decide to hitchhike, Police strongly advise you not to travel alone.

New Zealanders are very sociable but you need to be sensible. Avoid accepting drinks from strangers and don’t leave your drink unattended.

Make sure there is always someone who knows where you are going and when you should arrive at your next destination.

Keep Safe Around Alcohol

The legal purchase age is 18. If you look 25 years or younger, you might be asked to prove your age. The only acceptable proof of age documents are a passport, a New Zealand driver’s licence or the Hospitality Association of NZ (HANZ) 18+ card.

Most towns and cities have alcohol bars in designated public places such as the central business district or around sports stadiums.

You can be fined for drinking alcohol on public transport, including taxis.

If you do drink, get a friend to take you home or get a taxi (cab).

Look after your friends and make sure they get home safely after drinking alcohol.

Keep Safe On New Zealand Roads

Always lock your accommodation or vehicle and keep windows secure.

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Plan your adventure and tell someone where you intend to go. Be prepared in case things go wrong.

You are required by law to carry your driver’s licence with you when you’re driving. You are required by law to carry your driver’s licence with you when you’re driving.

New Zealand’s mobile phone providers Telecom, Vodafone and 2degrees offer a free text messaging service for visitors.

You can text about your location and travel movements to 7233 (SAFE). These details are kept on a central database, which can be accessed on request by Police if you’re involved in an accident.

It’s illegal to use your mobile phone while driving, except to make an emergency 111 call.

Traffic is fast and furious in New Zealand. If driving slowly, red over where it’s safe and let faster traffic pass.

There is a zero alcohol limit for drivers under 20. That means if you drive even one drink you can be charged with drink driving.

Don’t leave valuables, maps, luggage, GPS devices or visitor brochures visible in parked cars or campervans at any time, especially at scenic spots or trail heads.

If there is a safe at your accommodation, use it to store your valuables.

Don’t leave bags, backpacks, baskets or cameras unattended in public places, especially at airports, railway stations or ferry terminals.

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Keep your limits, don’t take unnecessary risks.

Take the right equipment including communications so you can call for help.

Keep Safe Outdoors & Around Water

Be AdventureSmart. Before you go out and enjoy the many adventures New Zealand offers, visit www.adventuresmart.org.nz. It’s got tips and advice to help you prepare for your activities. You’ll also find the Water, Boating and Outdoors Safety Code, which have simple steps to help keep you safe.

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