



A KIND REQUEST TO ALL TOURISTS

The **Sri Lanka Police** warmly welcome you to Sri Lanka and thank you for choosing our country as your travel destination.

Your safety, as well as the safety of your belongings, is of the utmost importance to us. One key area of concern is **road safety**, particularly when travelling in Sri Lanka using vehicles such as **cars, three-wheelers (tuk-tuks), and motorcycles**.

Road Safety : In Sri Lanka:

- Vehicles are **right-hand drive**
- Traffic moves on the **left side of the road**

In **2025**, several road accidents involving foreign tourists were reported. Many of these incidents, including **fatal accidents**, occurred because tourists were driving or riding **tuk-tuks and motorcycles without a valid driving licence**.

Some tourists are unfamiliar with Sri Lankan road conditions, traffic patterns, or the operation of three-wheelers, which has resulted in serious accidents, injuries, and loss of life.

Accidents involving tourists in 2025

- Total accidents: 96
- Fatal accidents: 85

Under the Sri Lankan Motor Traffic Law, driving or riding a vehicle, three-wheeler, or motorcycle without a valid Sri Lankan driving licence is an offence and carries a fine of **LKR 25,000**.

Therefore, we kindly request all tourists **not to drive or ride any vehicle, tuk-tuk, or motorcycle without first obtaining a valid Sri Lankan driving licence**, for your own safety and the safety of others.

Water Safety:

In recent times, some tourists have tragically drowned while swimming in **unfamiliar waters**, particularly in areas where **lifeguard services are not available**. Sea conditions, currents, and tides can change suddenly and may pose serious risks.

We kindly advise you to:

- **Swim only in designated areas**
- **Observe and follow local warning signs**
- **Avoid swimming in unknown or unprotected waters**
- **Exercise extra caution in areas without lifeguards**

Your safety is our priority. Your cooperation will help us maintain public safety and ensure that you enjoy a **safe, pleasant, and memorable holiday** in our beautiful country.

With warm regards,
Sri Lanka Police