

## Driving in Ireland

### What you need to know

In addition to the [General Driving Advice for Western Europe](#), the following laws apply when driving in Ireland:

#### Speed Limits

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- 18mph (30km/h) in Dublin, this speed limit is also being introduced in other areas
- Outside built-up areas 37-62mph (60-100km/h), according to road signs
- Motorways 74mph (120km/h)

#### Children

- Children under three years of age may not travel in a car unless they are using a suitable child restraint (this excludes taxis)
- Children under three years of age may travel in the front seat if in a rear-facing child restraint. The passenger airbag must be disabled
- Children over three years old, less than 1.5 metres tall, and weighing less than 36kg must use a suitable child restraint when travelling in a car fitted with seat belts. If seat belts are not fitted they must travel in the rear seats
- Child restraints must conform with the ECE R44.03 standard

#### Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood
- A lower limit of 20 milligrams applies to novice and professional drivers (e.g. taxi drivers, bus drivers)

#### In addition:

- You must use dipped headlights in poor daytime visibility
- You must not use your horn between 11:30pm and 7am in a built-up area unless there is a traffic emergency
- You must not use radar detectors