

Driving in Netherlands

What you need to know

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

Speed Limits

- Built-up areas 31mph (50km/h)
- Outside built-up areas 49mph (80km/h) or 62mph (100km/h)
- Motorways 80mph (130km/h), minimum 37mph (60km/h)

Motorcycles

- Drivers/passengers of open micro-cars without seat belts must wear a crash helmet

Seat Belts

- Front seat passengers must be taller than 1.35 metres if no seat belts are fitted in the front
- If no belts are fitted in the rear then rear seat passengers must be at least three years old

Children

- Children up to the age of 18 and less than 1.35 metres tall must use an appropriate child restraint approved to ECE 44/03 or 44/04
- Children under three years old must be in an appropriate child restraint
- You must deactivate any passenger airbag before placing a child in the front passenger seat using a rear-facing child seat

In addition:

- You must use a warning triangle and/or hazard warning lights in case of an accident or breakdown
- In built-up areas you must give way to buses leaving bus stops
- You must give way to trams unless traffic lights indicate otherwise
- You must not use spiked tyres
- You must not use a radar detector

Drinking and driving

- The legal limit is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood
- A lower limit of 20 milligrams applies to drivers for the first five years after qualifying to drive, and to moped riders under 24 years of age