

Life-saving equipment



Breakdown laybys



Emergency phones



Fire extinguishers



Signposting of emergency exits



Emergency exits

The essentials

- observe the speed limit
- keep a high safety distance
- never make a u-turn or reverse
- if possible try to extinguish the fire yourself but **only** in the initial stage. If not possible move away from the fire and leave the tunnel quickly by the emergency exits

Remember:

**Fire and smoke can kill.
Safe your life and not your car!**

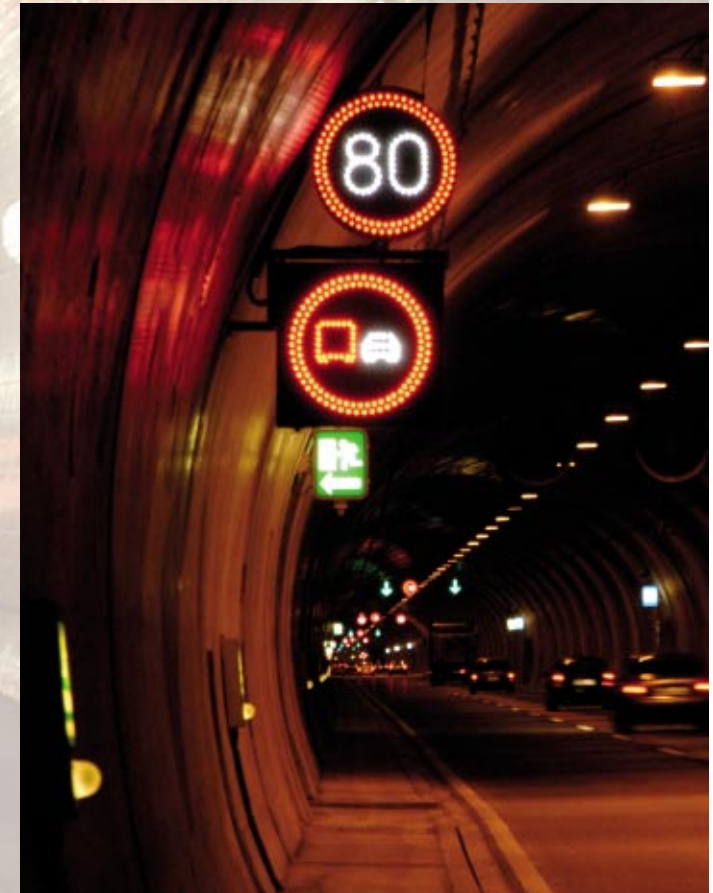
For more tunnel information:

www.eurotestmobility.com

This leaflet is provided courtesy of FIA European Bureau and EuroTAP, project co-funded by the European Commission



Safe in Tunnels



EuroTAP
EUROPEAN TUNNEL ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME



Under normal conditions

Before entering the tunnel:

- check your fuel level
- turn on the radio and set to traffic information
- switch on dipped headlights
- remove sun glasses
- pay attention to traffic lights and other traffic signs

In the tunnel:

- keep a high safety distance to vehicle in front
- do not exceed the speed limit
- remember to note the safety equipment e.g. exits, phones, extinguishers
- in tunnels with on-coming traffic (bi-directional tunnels) always keep over to the nearside of the lane (i.e. passenger side), never cross the centre line
- never make a u-turn or reverse
- stop only in case of emergency



In tail backs

- switch on the hazard lights
- in gridlock, leave a safety distance of 5 m to the vehicle in front
- in gridlock, turn the engine off
- stay in the vehicle
- listen to traffic information

Breakdown

- switch on the hazard lights
- stop vehicle in a breakdown lay-by, on the emergency lane or as far over as possible to the nearside edge of the lane
- turn the engine off
- watch out for traffic when leaving the car. If you have a reflective jacket, wear it
- inform the emergency services. Use an emergency call box in preference to your mobile phone
- return to vehicle and wait for help



Fire in your vehicle

- switch on the hazard lights
- if possible try to drive your vehicle out of the tunnel but never make a u-turn or reverse
- if not possible stop the vehicle in a breakdown lay-by, on the emergency lane or as close to the nearside edge of the lane as possible
- turn the engine off, do not remove the ignition key
- inform the emergency services. Use an emergency call box in preference to your mobile phone
- if possible try to extinguish the fire yourself but **only** in the initial stage. If not possible move away from the fire and leave the tunnel quickly by the emergency exits
- help injured persons

In accidents

- switch on the hazard lights
- stop the vehicle on the side of the lane
- turn the engine off
- watch out for traffic when leaving the car. If you have a reflective jacket, wear it
- inform the emergency services. Use an emergency call box in preference to your mobile phone
- help injured persons

Fire in another vehicle

- switch on the hazard lights
- maintain a large safety distance to the burning vehicle
- stop the vehicle in a breakdown lay-by, on the emergency lane or as close to the nearside edge of the lane as possible
- never make a u-turn or reverse
- turn the engine off, do not remove the ignition key
- inform the emergency services. Use an emergency call box in preference to your mobile phone
- if possible try to extinguish the fire yourself but **only** in the initial stage. If not possible move away from the fire and leave the tunnel quickly by the emergency exits
- help injured persons

In all cases follow the instructions and information given by the tunnel operators!