University of Bristol Expeditions Society
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UBES DRIVING POLICY

You are responsible for your own car and therefore it is your responsibility to comply with all laws, restrictions and regulations.

- To drive a personal vehicle on a UBES trip, you must fill out the Driver Compliance Form to confirm you have a valid licence, insurance, tax and an MOT certificate.
- Buy parking tickets and claim it back – don't get a parking fine.
- Don't do anything illegal, in general:
    - No breaking the speed limit at any time. No matter your personal views on speed, while you are on a trip you are responsible for the safety of other UBES members and so must keep to the legal standards. UBES will not reimburse speeding fines.
    - Drive as you would wish to be driven. Listen to the feedback of your passengers.
    - You must not drive after consuming any alcohol, even if you think you'd be below the limit.
- And in particular:
    - Do not circumvent hire vehicle speed limiters by freewheeling down hills
    - Do not crash into other UBES drivers' cars
    - Do not move off while your passengers are still in the process of getting into the car
    - Do not gaze longingly into your significant other's eyes while driving
    - Do not perform doughnuts at any time
        - In general UBES does not recommend the use of the handbrake while the vehicle is moving
    - If multiple people in your car start feeling carsick, evaluate your driving. Consider whether you are driving erratically or too fast for road conditions.
    - Drivers must contain an adequate amount of blood
    - Do not sit on a driver's bonnet while the vehicle is in motion without their consent
    - In all circumstances the driver must be responsible for the simultaneous operation of the pedals AND steering wheel
    - Do not "drop a gear and hoon it past on the inside lane"
    - Where possible, do everything possible to avoid being detained on a trip

UBES will not be liable for payment of any of the following:

- Fines related to parking, speeding or any other driving offence.
- Personal insurance excesses.
- Tolls, fines or charges related to the Clifton Suspension Bridge or similar, Bristol Clean Air Zone or any other low emissions zones unless expressly agreed with the President and Treasurer.
- Car maintenance or breakdown costs

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Hire Vehicles (Van and Minibus)

Subject to approval, anyone with a Full Driving Licence, (who is over 21 and has at least 2 years of driving experience for the minibus) should be able to drive hire vehicles

Drivers need to fill out the SU Driver Declaration Form BEFORE the vehicles are booked:
https://bristolstudentsunion.typeform.com/to/fvsrPF?typeform-source=www.bristolsu.org.uk

Please apply at least 2 clear weeks before you need to drive – longer if possible. You can also only drive vehicles if you've been specifically listed for that trip, so please check with the trip leader that you're on the list before driving.

If you are driving Hire vehicles, you MUST take care of them as if they are your own, and immediately report any damage to the trip leaders.

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