

Tenemos Derecho a Vivir

English Version

Sixteen of our friends in Ecuador lost their lives in three different bus accidents during the first six months of 2012. This form is dedicated to the memory of Alicia de Flores and Manuel Erazo.

The law for public transport states:

Art. 270-At all times the driver is responsible for the safety of the passengers and for others using the road.

Art. 271-Drivers will drive their vehicle with the greatest precaution and discretion possible, respecting all orders and signs from the transportation agency and all general signage placed on the road.

Ch. V Art. 291(3)-Demand that more passengers than permitted by law are not on board.

Sec. II Art. 140-A driver that uses a cell phone while driving or mistreats passengers verbally will receive...a 3 point reduction on his driver's license.

- This information could save your life.
- Have the details of the form “Tenemos derecho a vivir” filled out before leaving on your journey.
- If you board a bus from the street, have the attendant fill it in for you

Note: Art. 292-Do not distract the driver while in motion

Be responsible for your own life! Do not:

- Board a bus if the driver warns you it is already full to capacity [Art. 291(3)]
- Board a bus if the driver acts in any way under the influence of an intoxicating substance

You have the right to:

- Insist that your driver observes the law and its requirements [Art. 201(b)]
- Denounce any deficiencies or irregularity in bus service that does not conform to the law [Art. 201 d]
- Know the names of the people who are now in control of your life [Ch. V Art 291 Section 4]

- Demand that drivers keep adequate volume of radios, in a manner that does not bother passengers [Ch. V Art 291. Sec. 2]

Speed laws (Art 191):

<u>Kind of Road</u>	<u>Max Speed</u>	<u>Moderate Range Art.142.g d</u>	<u>Out of Moderate Range Art. 145 e</u>
City	40 Km/h	over 40 km/h-under 50 km/h	over 50 km/h
Just out of city	70 Km/h	over 70 km/h-under 100 km/h	over 100 km/h
Hiway straightaway	90 Km/h	over 90 km/h-under 115 km/h	over 115 km/h
Hiway Curves	50 Km/h	over 50 km/h- under 65 km/h	over 65 km/h

Note: For serious problems the best protection is to take a photo of the driver and a photo of the license plate. Call the police: 101

If you see any serious infringement of any of the above laws call 101 or the number listed below for the province you are traveling through and inform the authorities at the next stop.

**Azuay 072840901/ Bolívar 032980291 /Cotopaxi 032812470/ Carchi 062987484 /Cañar 072235999/
Chimborazo 032943817 / Esmeraldas 062700569/ El Oro 072935282/ Francisco de Orellana
(Coca)062886525/ Guayas 042282245/ Imbabura 062955792/ Loja 072571686 / Morona Santiago
072701166 Ext.200/201/ Manabí 052630343/ Manta 042923799/ Napo 062886327/ Pastaza 032883840/
Pichincha 022637269/ Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas 022750775/ Tungurahua 032840024/
Sucumbíos 062830077 /Zamora-Chinchiipe 072605329**

Please commend good drivers...it is legal to tip them if service was exceptional.

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Please note: Traffic laws continually change in Ecuador. This information is based on the laws effective as of July 2012.