

## **Tips: How to drive safely through tunnels**

### **Under normal conditions:**

#### **In front of the tunnel**

- ◆ Before entering the tunnel, check the fuel level
- ◆ Switch on the radio and tune into the traffic radio station
- ◆ Switch on your headlights (low beam)
- ◆ Take off your sunglasses
- ◆ Pay attention to traffic lights and other traffic signs

#### **In the tunnel**

- ◆ Keep a good distance from the vehicle in front of you
- ◆ Keep to the speed limit
- ◆ Make a mental note of safety equipment and facilities, such as emergency exits and emergency phones
- ◆ In tunnels with bi-directional traffic, always use the right carriageway edge for orientation, never cross the centre line
- ◆ Never make a U-turn or reverse
- ◆ Do not stop, except in an emergency

### **Congestion:**

- ◆ Switch on your warning lights
- ◆ If traffic comes to a complete halt, keep a distance of at least five metres from the vehicle in front of you
- ◆ If traffic comes to a halt, turn off the engine
- ◆ Do not leave your vehicle
- ◆ Tune in to traffic radio

### **Breakdown:**

- ◆ Switch on your warning lights
- ◆ Park your vehicle in a lay-by, emergency lane or as far right as possible on the carriageway
- ◆ Switch off the engine
- ◆ Leave your vehicle, but pay attention to traffic and put on a reflective jacket
- ◆ Notify the rescue services. It is best to use an emergency telephone rather than a mobile phone
- ◆ Wait for help in the vehicle

### **Accident:**

- ◆ Switch on your warning lights

- ◆ Park the vehicle as far right as possible on the carriageway
- ◆ Switch off the engine
- ◆ Leave your vehicle, but pay attention to traffic and put on a reflective jacket
- ◆ Notify the rescue services. It is best to use an emergency telephone rather than a mobile phone
- ◆ Help any injured persons

### **If your vehicles catches fire:**

- ◆ Switch on your warning lights
- ◆ If possible, drive the vehicle out of the tunnel. However, never make a U-turn or reverse
- ◆ If this is not possible, drive your vehicle to a lay-by, an emergency lane or pull over to the right side of the road
- ◆ Switch off the engine, leave the key in the ignition
- ◆ Notify the rescue services. It is best to use an emergency telephone rather than a mobile phone
- ◆ Only extinguish the fire yourself if it has just started. If it is not possible to extinguish the fire, leave the tunnel quickly, moving away from the fire and use the emergency exits
- ◆ Help any injured persons

### **If another vehicle catches fire:**

- ◆ Switch on your warning lights
- ◆ Keep a good distance from the burning vehicle
- ◆ Park your vehicle in a lay-by, emergency lane or as far right as possible on the carriageway
- ◆ Never make a U-turn or reverse
- ◆ Switch off the engine, leave the key in the ignition
- ◆ Notify the rescue services. It is best to use an emergency telephone rather than a mobile phone
- ◆ Only extinguish the fire yourself if it has just started. If it is not possible to extinguish the fire, leave the tunnel quickly, moving away from the fire and use the emergency exits
- ◆ Help any injured persons

- ◆ **Always observe the instructions and information provided by tunnel staff!**
- ◆ **Never forget that fire and smoke can be fatal! Save your life and not your car!**