

# An Garda Síochána - Police and Security Service of Ireland



## Information



An Garda Síochána (also commonly referred to as the Gardaí) is Ireland's National Police and Security Service. We have responsibility for carrying out all policing and security functions in Ireland and our mission is 'Keeping People Safe'. Our role includes; assisting victims of crime, crime prevention, community engagement, crime investigation and road safety. We have a proud tradition of serving communities and protecting the State with over 16,000 dedicated Garda members, Civilians and Reserve members committed to ensuring that a functioning police and security service is the cornerstone of a democratic and progressive society. An Garda Síochána have a human rights based approach to policing which is centred on a Code of Ethics and the core values of Service Delivery, Honesty, Accountability, Respect, Professionalism and Empathy. For more information visit the Garda website on [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

 **In an emergency always dial 999/112**

You should use this service if a crime or incident is happening or if anyone is in immediate danger. 999/112 calls have the highest priority and your call will be handled by trained call-takers. We will take appropriate steps to deal with all incidents and ensure that emergency and life threatening calls receive priority. We will endeavour to get to you within 15 minutes in urban locations and as soon as possible, given the distance to be travelled, in more rural areas.



### Non-emergency or general enquiries

For non-emergency or general enquiries, contact your nearest and/or local Garda Station. Telephone numbers for all Garda stations and key offices are available at [Garda Stations Directory](http://www.garda.ie) on [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie). Local Garda Diversity Officers, trained to support diverse / minority communities, are available in each Garda Division and are available to assist with your policing needs. A list is available on [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) / [Find your local Garda Diversity Officer](http://www.garda.ie)



### Driving your vehicle on Irish roads

A Ukraine licence is not valid to drive in Ireland. However, under Irish law you can exchange your Ukraine car licence for an Irish one provided you have permission to remain in the state under Section 60 of the International Protection Act 2015. The Irish licence will allow you to drive a car in Ireland for up to one year. In Ireland we drive on the left-hand side of the road and you must have motor insurance and tax to drive on Irish roads. Insurance will protect you against liability in the event of an accident. When you buy a motor insurance policy you will get an insurance disc and a certificate of insurance. You must clearly display a current insurance disc on your vehicle at all times when driving. Guidance on what you must do if you are involved in a road traffic collision is available on [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie). The Motor (Transport) Insurance Bureau of Ukraine have prepared a list of Ukrainian Insurance Providers that allows Ukrainian Refugees to renew their Motor Third Party Liability (MTPL) Insurance Policies online. In addition to the MTPL policy these Insurance Providers will reissue an International Motor Insurance Card (IMIC) /Green Card to the driver/owner that permits the vehicle to continue circulating within the Green Card System countries. This information is available on the The Motor (Transport) Insurance Bureau of Ukraine website: <http://www.mtsbu.ua>. The Road Safety Authority has developed helpful advice for Ukrainian drivers on its website: <https://www.rsa.ie/services/alerts/advice-for-ukrainian-drivers>. This explains the Ukrainian driving licence exchange and includes answers to key questions.