POLICE AND BORDER GUARD BOARD

Tips for the new students in Tartu

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MAIN THEMES

- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Traffic
- ✓ Drinking and smoking
- ✓ Public order
- ✓ Punishments
- ✓ Recommendations

SAFETY

From the police point of view is Tartu a relatively peaceful community with a small number of serious crimes. Main problem is alcohol.

- ✓ The police number is **112**
- ✓ The police address is **Tartu Riia 132**
- ✓ The police website is **www.politsei.ee**
- ✓ The police facebook is **Politsei- ja Piirivalveamet**

WEB-CONSTABLES IN FACEBOOK

- Veebipolitseinik Alik Säde

TRAFFIC

It's NOT ALLOWED TO:

- Cross the road when the traffic light is **red**
- Ride with a bicycle on the pavement if there are no special signs
- Drink and drive (0 tolerance)

Things that You MUST HAVE or MUST DO:

- Wear a reflector when it is dark outside

DRINKING AND SMOKING

Drinking:

- ✓ It is not allowed to drink alcohol in public places
- ✓ You can buy, own and drink alcohol when You are 18 years old
- ✓ Do not come to the public areas if You are too drunk (bad coordination etc)

Smoking:

- ✓ You can smoke in the public areas but inside the buildings You are allowed to smoke only in the designated areas
- ✓ You can buy, own and use tobacco products when You are 18 years old

PUBLIC ORDER

You are violating the public order if You:

- ✓ Make noise in the public area
- ✓ Pee in the public area
- ✓ Harass other people (talk to them if they do not want that etc)
- ✓ Play music in Your car or apartment so loudly that it is annoying others
- ✓ …

Punishment: max 400euros or 30 days in the jail

PUNISHMENTS

Violation of law	Fine
Drinking or being too drunk in a public area	400 euros or 30 days in jail
Smoking in a prohibited area	80 euros
Using or owning a small amount of drugs	1200 euros or 30 days in jail
Crossing the road in a wrong place / not wearing a reflector	40 euros
Stealing a thing what costs less that 200€	1200 euros or 30 days in jail
Hurting someone / violating public order in a group	criminal punishment
Racial violence if the person's life or property is under danger	1200 euros or 30 days in jail
Insult (name, race etc)	administrative court case

NB: these are maximum punishments. There is usually a warning before the fine!

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Guard Your things (bag, wallet) in public areas
- Lock Your bicycle, car and apartment
- Acknowledge and accept all the differences
- If You do not know the law, ask for help

Not knowing the law is not an excuse for breaking the law. Follow the law!

Questions?

Thank You!