International Law of and for Road Safety

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Law

• Law is concerned with how we act

• Different legal subjects behave differently
Dependently optimal

- Necessity
- Efficiency
- Expectation
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop_sign#Sign_variants
wikiHow to Stop at a STOP Sign

Two Parts:  ■ Making a Stop  ■ Obeying Rules of Special Situations  ■ Community Q&A

A stop sign is used to control traffic and is usually found at road intersections. Stop signs instruct drivers about the right-of-way and ensure proper notice is taken to avoid accidents. Standard stop signs are red octagons with “STOP” printed in white letters. When you see one at any corner or intersection, know that you must stop and proceed only if the way ahead is clear, and after obeying any rules regarding right-of-way.

Part 1  Making a Stop
Norms beyond Conventions

• **Distraction: Binding obligation (Vienna)**

6. A driver of a vehicle shall at all times minimize any activity other than driving. Domestic legislation should lay down rules on the use of phones by drivers of vehicles. In any case, legislation shall prohibit the use by a driver of a motor vehicle or moped of a hand-held phone while the vehicle is in motion.

• **Intoxication: Best practice (Consol. Res.)**

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Rules

- Independently optimal
- Dependently optimal
Down the road

• New information ➔ New norms?
• Enhanced enforcement mechanisms
• Key: Balancing uniformity and innovation

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