



Summer Newsletter 2017



Welcome to the summer edition of your LBRA newsletter.

Well its official summer is here and the island is buzzing with visitors and the busy times look set to continue throughout the next few months and into 2018. August is when most of the "official" offices take their holidays so we do not expect to hear any major announcements over the next few weeks but of course we shall keep you updated. As always our members are our number one priority and we can help with your day to day needs including translations, medical appointments, NIF numbers etc, so if we can be of any help or assistance then please do not hesitate to contact us. Meanwhile we hope you enjoy this edition and as always would welcome your comments and news and we wish you a happy summer.



As it is the holiday season our office will be closed from Friday 4th August and will reopen on Monday 4th September. There will however be someone available in case of emergencies so any problems please contact us via email on lanzaroteba@gmail.com

Social Media



The social media session held on Monday 19th June and we would like to say many thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's social media event. There was plenty of content and some really good ideas were raised and discussed. Everyone felt it was a worthwhile event and we have been asked for a follow on session that we will arrange to be held in the next few months. Special thanks to guest speaker John Beckley and Spanish Plus Academy for providing a great venue.

As we work with social sprout we thought we would share some of their tips with you

[Humanizing Your Brand with Instagram](#)

[Watch & Learn: How to Put Instagram to Work For You](#)

[Five Steps to Insta-Success](#)

Spanish Plus + Lanzarote



On Tuesday 11th July we attended the open evening at Spanish Plus Academy in Playa Honda. All classes are open to either children or adults and a test is normally taken to decide what level would suit individual students. Classes are mainly conversational classes combined with the necessary knowledge of grammar rather than just grammar based. Communication plays a strong role with scenarios covering everyday practicalities such as a visit to the health centre, bank, dealing with the police, and other issues related to everyday life.

In addition depending on interests outside activities will be included/arranged, these can vary i.e. theatre/cinema visit, bodega visit, walking group, but all with a strong emphasis on using the language you will be learning.

The two main areas in the school are for adults needing to improve or learn a new language or school age students who need the language to help at school/college with their studies.

The “full curriculum” will commence in September and enrolment is now taking place and early bookings are advised. Group classes and one to one sessions are available. Full contact details are below so don’t delay call today and start the path to enjoying the confidence a new language will bring.

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www.spanishplus.es

Tráfico Regulations

Tráfico responds to recent flurry of fake posts about driving rules and fines for everything from flipflops to t-shirts - **Article courtesy of Janet Anscombe – Tenerife**

There have been so many fake posts recently that Tráfico itself has undertaken itself to clarify the law on what people have been trying to say are “new rules” bringing in lots of different traffic fines for anything from smoking or wearing fliflops, even for driving without a t-shirt on. As Tráfico says, the information is “absurd”, and most of the claims are simply fake. Others however, are a confusion. For example, it is not illegal to drive in flipflops, and so there is absolutely no fine applied for doing so! But if you are involved in an accident and the police decide that your flipflops caused you not to be in full control of the vehicle, then they’ll fine you ... but for driving without being in full control, not for the flipflops. This is not to say that Tráfico approves of this footwear for driving, indeed they do not, and advise against it. But it is not “illegal” and cannot be used as a basis for a fine in its own right, only in connection with another offence or incident in which the flipflops were considered to be a factor.

Some of the other confusions work on the same principle. It is not an offence to take a (non-alcoholic) drink while driving, but if they decide you are not in complete control of the vehicle because of doing so, that’s what you’ll be fined for. Same with smoking, putting hand out of window etc. It is not an offence to be unclothed, but again, if they think you are uncomfortable and that the discomfort is causing you to lose complete control. Anyone who is fined has, moreover, the right of appeal, and if a Tráfico officer mistakenly issues a fine for such an “offence” that is not, of itself, against the law, the fine can and should be appealed.

Some rules are true, however, and throwing a cigarette end out of a window will cost you a €200 fine, and jail time too if it causes a fire. Below is the “for goodness’ sake stop the rubbish fake news” letter from Tráfico. Please click on the images to see full size. Please also see [HERE](#) (Driving section) and [HERE](#) for information in English.



Como viene siendo habitual coincidiendo con el verano, vuelven las dudas acerca de si es motivo de denuncia por infracción a la normativa de tráfico el conducir en chanclas, descalzo, comiendo, bebiendo, maquillándose, sacando el codo por la ventanilla, ir desnudo, o molestar con música a alto volumen, por poner solo algunos ejemplos.

Se constata, por otra parte, que cada año se añaden a la lista nuevos comportamientos presuntamente prohibidos al volante, convirtiéndose ya en fenómenos virales estivales.

Con objeto de intentar clarificar lo que es motivo de denuncia para la mencionada normativa de tráfico, es necesario tener en cuenta lo previsto en varios artículos del Reglamento General de Circulación:

Artículo 18.1. Quizá es el precepto más importante para aclarar todas estas cuestiones, pues señala que *“El conductor de un vehículo está obligado a mantener su propia libertad de movimientos, el campo necesario de visión y la atención permanente a la conducción, que garanticen su propia seguridad, la del resto de los ocupantes del vehículo y la de los demás usuarios de la vía. A estos efectos, deberá cuidar especialmente de mantener la posición adecuada y que la mantengan el resto de los pasajeros, y la adecuada colocación de los objetos o animales transportados para que no haya interferencia entre el conductor y cualquiera de ellos”*.

Artículo 17.1. Relacionado con el artículo anterior, establece que *“Los conductores deberán estar en todo momento en condiciones de controlar sus vehículos”*.

Artículo 3.1. Más referido a la forma de conducir, este precepto indica que *“Se deberá conducir con la diligencia y precaución necesarias para evitar todo daño propio o ajeno, cuidando de no poner en peligro, tanto al mismo conductor como a los demás ocupantes del vehículo y al resto de los usuarios de la vía. Queda terminantemente prohibido conducir de modo negligente o temerario”*.

A la vista de los artículos mencionados, se concluye lo siguiente:

1. Las conductas descritas no son constitutivas de infracción al Reglamento. La norma no puede prever todos los supuestos de vestimentas, o de cualquier tipo de actividad humana mientras se conduce. No sólo es imposible, es que no tiene ningún sentido que así sea.

2. Cuando las conductas descritas impidan la libertad de movimientos del conductor, o el control del vehículo, o generen peligro tanto para el conductor o como para el resto de los usuarios de la vía si pueden constituir infracción, y los agentes de la autoridad denunciarán los hechos cuando esto suceda. Es importante señalar que la denuncia se produce no por comer, beber, ir descalzo, etc., sino porque la actividad concreta ha afectado a la seguridad de la conducción.

3. Aplicando el sentido común, se puede concluir que algunos supuestos son un absurdo. Por ejemplo, si alguien conduce sin camiseta y tiene que frenar de forma brusca, el cinturón le produciría heridas en la piel. O si alguien conduce descalzo tendrá serias dificultades para activar los pedales del vehículo. Respecto de sacar el codo por la ventanilla, es imposible determinar si la infracción se consuma cuando se sacan dos centímetros, o diez... Son sólo algunos ejemplos de conductas sobre las que parece poco útil extenderse.

Junto a todas las conductas citadas, en las noticias que se transmiten por medios de comunicación o por redes sociales aparecen otras que sí constituyen infracción a la normativa de tráfico, por así estar expresamente tipificadas en la Ley:

- Conducir utilizando cualquier tipo de casco de audio o auricular conectado a aparatos receptores o reproductores de sonido u otros dispositivos que disminuyan la atención permanente a la conducción –como dispositivos de internet o monitores de televisión–.
- No circular por el carril derecho de una vía con varios carriles de circulación.
- Arrojar a la vía o en sus inmediaciones objetos que puedan producir incendios, accidentes de circulación u obstruir la libre circulación.
- No llevar la documentación del conductor o del vehículo.

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Arrecife traffic

Requests have been once again been made to ask that Arrecife re-opens the avenida please read the report.

<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/lanzarote/el-gobierno-de-canarias-vuelve-a-pedir-a-arrecife-que-abra-la-avenida>

Costa Teguise Reform



Agreement for the reform of the Paseo de Las Cucharas in Costa Teguise with an investment of 1.6 million euros. The mayor, Oswaldo Betancort, has endorsed the new project proposed by the Tourism Department of the Government of the Canary Islands, after the commitment acquired to increase the game and improve the initial idea of it.

<http://www.teguise.es/teguise-muestra-su-conformidad-con-el-proyecto-definitivo-para-reformar-el-paseo-de-las-cucharas/>

15 million for road improvements



An agreement has been reached for an investment of 15million to improve Lanzarote roads.

<http://elchaplon.com/la-ciudad-compromete-15me-en-el-nuevo-convenio-de-carreteras-canarias-estado>

Import duty

Finally it is confirmed the import IGIC exemption is €150.00, we thought this link might be useful for you in case you had any issues with import charges in the future under €150.

<http://www.octsi.es/.../n.../150-euros-exencion-igic-importacion>

Holiday Rentals

A recent report states that the long awaited decree is well advanced and that the Cabildos will play an important role. <http://www.lancelotdigital.com/canarias/los-cabildos-tendran-un-protagonismo-importante-en-el-alquiler-vacacional>

Road traffic accidents increase.



Lanzarote closed the first half of the year with 146 traffic accidents.

<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/sucesos/lanzarote-cierra-el-primer-semestre-del-ano-con-146-accidentes-de-trafico>

Rental Scams

A man has been arrested for falsely advertising and renting properties that were not his own.

<http://elchaplon.com/detenido-un-joven-por-estafa-en-el-alquiler-de-viviendas-vacacionales-en-tias>

Contract signed for the installation of the Teguise wind farm.



<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/lanzarote/firmado-el-contrato-para-la-instalacion-del-parque-eolico-de-teguise>

More tourists in Puerto del Carmen

Puerto del Carmen breaks record in tourist occupancy.



<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/lanzarote/puerto-del-carmen-bate-record-en-ocupacion-turistica>

World Press Exhibition

The world press exhibition opens in Arrecife on Saturday 22nd July until Friday 11th August

<https://www.diariodelanzarote.com/noticia/llega-arrecife-la-exposici%C3%B3n-world-press-photo-2017>



We hope you have enjoyed this summer edition and as always would welcome your comments and suggestions. Have a great summer.

Best wishes

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