

**Before driving the Cresswells' car**, please ensure that

- 1 you are aged 26 or over
- 2 you are reasonably sober!
- 3 you have confirmation that you have been authorised.
- 4 you have your current UK, USA or equivalent driving licence
- 5 you have a current Visitors' Registration Certificate (they're only valid for two months)

**Otherwise the insurance is invalid**

**While driving**

- 1 don't select "4H locked" or "4L locked" unless you are in mud or sand and you can't otherwise get out – return to 4H immediately
- 2 don't even attempt to play a CD without carefully reading the radio manual (in the glove box) – it's complicated

**Be aware** that, in Barbados, you need to drive with extra care because

- 1 some Bajans drink rum for breakfast
- 2 the traffic is generally slower than in UK except the busses, which are driven at insane speeds
- 3 the roads are very, very slippery when wet
- 4 many Barbadians drive dangerously close to the vehicle in front. If you are "tailgated", leave plenty of space in front of you to avoid an abrupt stop
- 5 the road edges are very difficult to identify at night and there may be storm drains at the side of the road – use the "fog" lamps to illuminate the road edges; they don't dazzle oncoming drivers.
- 6 black people can be very difficult to see at night and they don't always wear something white
- 7 you may not know where you are
- 8 you may not know where you're going
- 9 Barbadian drivers use the horn a lot – often to say "hello" to friends, but sometimes to allow you out or to thank you for some kindness – be sure you know what they mean before acting
- 10 Barbadian drivers use turn signals for a variety of meanings which may not necessarily include a turn in the direction indicated – be sure you know what they mean before acting

**If you have an accident,**

- 1 don't move the vehicle until the police arrive (that's a legal requirement in Barbados)
- 2 call Omniplus on +1 246 434 6000 and be ready with
  - a. policy number: ICB/PMV/0096269 – the certificate of insurance is in the glove box
  - b. vehicle details: 2006 Suzuki Grand Vitara, white
  - c. registration number: S2209
  - d. the nature of the problem
  - e. your location – if you are not sure or have difficulty with the local accent, ask a witness or passer-by to speak to the Omniplus operator