

The Lockdown in South Africa



A lockdown means you must stay home.

The President said all South Africans must stay home from Thursday 26 March 2020 until Friday 17 April 2020.

Staying at home will help stop the Coronavirus spreading.



Nobody is allowed to leave their home during the lockdown **unless they have a good reason.**



For example,

1. You are allowed to go get your medication.

You can go to the doctor **if there is an emergency.**



2. You are allowed to go to the bank and to collect your grant.



3. You are allowed to go shopping

but you may only buy essential things.

These are things you or your pets cannot live without.



4. You are allowed to put petrol in your car.



5. You are allowed to go to a funeral of a passing loved one but only 50 people are allowed.



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You are allowed to drive cars and take public transport to get to the places explained above.

But there are rules to this,

- Only 3 people are allowed in a car.
- Taxis and buses must only take half the number of people they normally would.



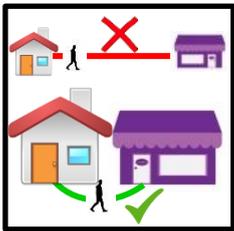
Only some people are allowed to **go to work** during the lockdown because these people do services that other people cannot live without.



During the lockdown you cannot leave your home if you do not really have to.



For example,



1. **You cannot** travel far distances or leave South Africa.
Go to shops, banks and clinics **close** to your home.



2. **You cannot** go any places just for fun.
 - **No** meeting up with friends or family.
 - **No** gathering in the street.



- **No** walking your pets or going out to exercise.

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During lockdown you can get arrested or fined by police if you leave your home when you **do not have a good reason**.

A fine means you have to pay money.

It is important to check you have a good reason to go out before you leave your home.

If a police officer stops you when you leave home tell the officer where you are going and why.

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