



# THE TRUTH ABOUT SPEED...

Responsible driving means obeying the posted speed limits.

**SPEED**—exceeding the posted speed limit and driving too fast for conditions are prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes.

Many people have misconceptions about the safety of speeding. Some argue that everyone is doing it or that they are just going with the flow of traffic. In a recent year, nationally, speeding was a contributing factor in 31 percent of all fatal crashes, and 13,040 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.

Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a dangerous situation.

## **SPEED LIMITS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

- ✓ 15 mph - alleys within a municipal corporation
- ✓ 20 mph - school zones during recess or when children are going to or leaving school
- ✓ 55 mph - freeways inside and outside of municipal corporations
- ✓ 55 mph - for vehicles weighing >8,000 lbs. empty weight and noncommercial buses on interstate and State freeways
- ✓ 65 mph - certain interstate and State freeways and rural highways

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