

## Speed Limits

A driver must not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed that is greater than reasonable and prudent according to the conditions and hazards on or near the highway.

- A driver must exercise due care and attention and reasonable consideration for other people.
- A driver must control the speed of a vehicle to avoid collision with people, vehicles, animals or other obstacles.
- Speed is risky, but the safest speed is not always the slowest speed.
- If you drive much slower than the surrounding traffic, other drivers might get frustrated and try to pass you.
- What you are aiming for is a speed appropriate for the conditions in which you are driving.

### Best driving practice

Proper driving speed is regulated by two things:

- *The Law* (in the posted speed limit) tells you how fast you are allowed to drive under ideal conditions.
- *Good Judgement* tells you how fast you should be driving, in spite of posted legal limits.



Speed limits are not absolute. A reduction in speed is essential when driving under unfavorable conditions, such as:

- Poor visibility, due to darkness, rain, fog or snow
- Wet or slippery road surfaces
- Pedestrians on or near the highway
- Fatigue, illness or nervous tension on the part of the driver
- When passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped with their lights flashing you must slow down to 60 km/h or less as the circumstances dictate.

All drivers must observe and operate vehicles within the posted speed limits and applicable laws on all roadways.

- It is the driver's responsibility to be aware and knowledgeable of all regulatory speed limits and any temporary changes made to regulatory speed limits on all categories of roadways.

Facilities and features that temporarily or permanently reduce speed limits within the roadways include, but are not limited to the following:

- School Zones
- Playground Zones
- Construction Zones
- Areas with increased pedestrians

Drivers must be aware that there may be transitional speed limits that are posted and are in effect when moving from one category of roadway to another.

