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UNSAFE SPEED – SLOW DOWN!



Dangers of Speeding

For more than two decades, speeding has been the significant contributing factor in approximately one-third of all motor vehicle fatalities in this country. In 2020, speeding was a contributing factor in 29% of all traffic fatalities.

Always evaluate your speed and ensure it's appropriate for the road conditions. Reduce your speeds below the posted speed limits during bad or inclement weather, when a road is under repair, or in an area during the hours of darkness that is poorly illuminated.

Speeding endangers the lives of everyone. Remember, "Speed Kills." Speeding is a problem we all need to help solve.

Consequences

Speeding is more than just breaking the law. The consequences are far-ranging:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control;
- Reduced effectiveness of occupant protection equipment;
- Increased stopping distance after the driver perceives a danger;
- Increased degree of crash severity leading to more severe injuries;
- Economic implications of a speed-related crash and speeding citations; and,
- Increased fuel consumption/cost.

Dealing with Speeding and Aggressive Drivers

Speeders and aggressive drivers are a danger to public safety. These irresponsible drivers endanger the lives of other drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. The following safety tips are worth practicing:

- If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, safely move over and let them pass.
- Give these drivers plenty of space as they may lose control of their vehicle more easily.
- Adjust your driving accordingly. If a speeding driver is tailgating you or trying to engage you in risky driving, remain calm and use good judgment and safely steer your vehicle out of the way.
- Call 9-1-1 if you believe a driver is following you, harassing you or you are victim of a road rage incident.

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