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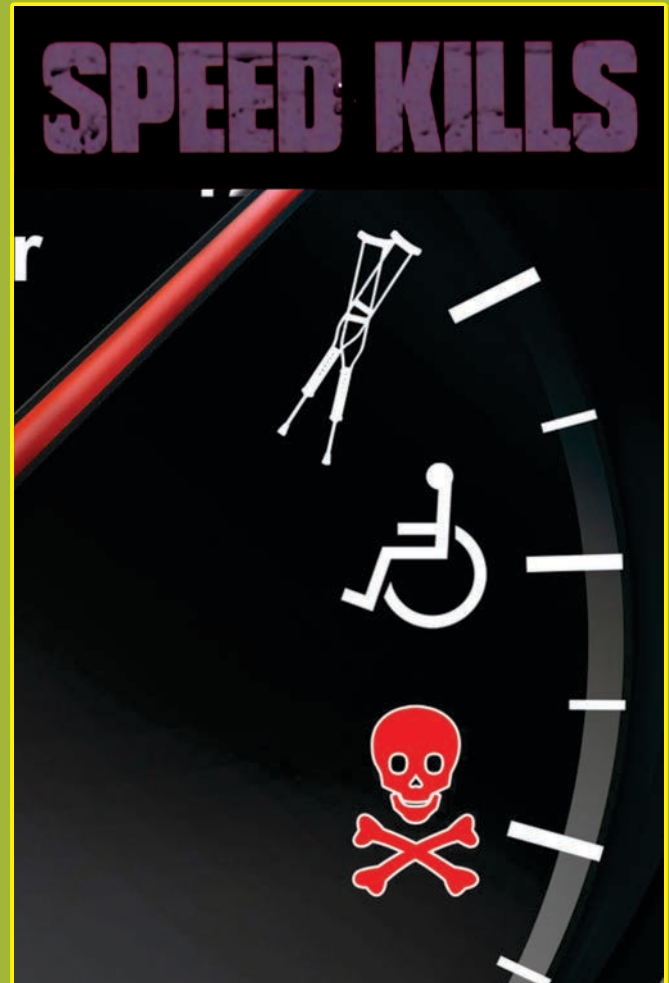


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SPEED





The limit shown on the signs is the maximum speed at which you are allowed, and at which it is safe to travel. You must never exceed the sign posted speed limit and in certain circumstances, you should reduce your speed to well below the official limit.



The higher the speed, the longer the braking distance and the more difficult it is to control the vehicle in the process of stopping.

The stopping distance on an excellent road surface with good brakes, the reaction time = 0,75 to 1 second

The stopping distance is mainly determined by the following factors:

- Reaction time: the lapse between the time you notice the danger and the moment you brake (normally more than one second)

- Condition of the vehicle: the roadworthiness (e.g. brake linings, tyres or shock absorbers).
- Condition of the road: (e.g. Potholes, gravel, wet or slippery roads).
- Wet weather: a wet road surface increases your stopping distance and chances of skidding when applying brakes.
- Mist and night conditions: these decreases visibility and your chances of identifying other road users/hazards in time to avoid a collision.
- Pedestrians: Their behaviour on the road especially in towns and rural areas can be unpredictable, demanding even more caution from the driver.

Peak Traffic Periods: As human error is the main cause of collisions, you can expect that more mistakes will occur during peak traffic periods

A safe driver is mindful of pedestrians; cyclists and environmental conditions. Furthermore, one must be aware that there might be unexpected hazards, such as blind bends, vehicles coming out of junctions and animals on the road. One must therefore adjust your speed according to prevailing conditions.

