

SPEEDING

Just a few kms over? **Just don't speed!**

Every kilometre counts. Every life matters.

Speeding continues to be one of the leading causes of serious injury and fatalities on South Australian roads. Whether it's a few kilometres over or something more extreme, every increase in speed increases your risk, and the consequences can be devastating.

Why speeding is so dangerous

The faster you drive, the harder it becomes to avoid a crash, and if a crash does happen, the injuries are far more severe. Even small increases in speed can dramatically increase your chance of being involved in a trauma-related crash.

Here are the facts:

- A small speed increase = a big rise in risk.
The risk of a fatality crash almost doubles with every 5 km/h increase in speed on a 60 km/h road, or every 10 km/h increase on a 110 km/h road.
- Stopping takes longer than you think.
Even for an alert driver in good conditions, at 60 km/h it takes around:
 - 1.5 seconds (12 metres) to realise you need to brake, and
 - at least another 20 metres to come to a complete stop.At higher speeds, your stopping distance grows rapidly.

What the law says in South Australia

Unless signs say otherwise:

- The default speed limit in built-up areas is 50 km/h.
- The default speed limit outside built-up areas is 100 km/h.

These limits apply unless a road sign or a licence condition tells you differently.

Safe speed tips for all drivers

To keep yourself and others safe, you should always:

- monitor your speed and stay within the posted limit
- adjust your speed for weather, traffic, and road conditions – slow down when visibility is reduced or the road surface is wet
- watch for pedestrians, especially children who may act unpredictably
- be aware of school zones – it may be 40km/h or 25km/h

- look out for cyclists and avoid passing them at high speed
- leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front when travelling at higher speeds
- drive to your ability – not everyone feels comfortable at the maximum speed limit, and that's okay.

Penalties

Speeding comes with serious consequences, including:

- fines up to \$2,059
- licence disqualification
- accumulation of demerit points
- vehicle impoundment or forfeiture
- in some cases, imprisonment.

To check expiable offences and fees, visit www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/expiations

Small choices save lives

Slowing down, even slightly, can make the difference between arriving safely and not arriving at all. Your speed affects everyone around you, not just you.

About the SA Police Road Safety Centre

The SA Police Road Safety Centre leads the way in road safety education across South Australia. Our programs help reduce road trauma by building the awareness, knowledge, and skills of all road users – supporting safer journeys through lifelong learning.

Want to learn more?

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