



Driving speed must be considered in the context of the law, the road conditions, efficient driving technique, and the safety of all road users.

SPEED LIMITS...

.. Purpose of speed limits

The primary purpose of speed limits is to provide improved safety by reducing the probability and severity of collisions. A speed limit sign notifies drivers of the maximum speed that is considered acceptably safe for favourable weather and visibility.

.. The Law

It is illegal to drive faster than the speed limit for a road – this speed limit is the absolute maximum – it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at this speed in all conditions.

.. The speed limit is a limit not a target

Irrespective of the posted speed limit on a road there will be times you need to drive under that speed in order to drive correctly for the conditions including fog and rain and traffic flow.

.. Hazard awareness

Be aware that there may be unexpected hazards, such as blind bends, vehicles coming out of junctions and animals on country roads. Stay in control and give yourself time to react in an energy efficient and safe manner.

.. Donegal County Council

All operatives of Council supplied vehicles are required to comply with the Law and to drive in a safe manner so as not to put themselves or other road users in danger.

SPEEDING...

- > Speeding is dangerous. It puts your life and the lives of other road users at risk as well as jeopardising your driving licence.
- > In addition, due to the importance of road speed in aerodynamic efficiency, speeding will have negative effects on fuel economy due to increased aerodynamic drag.
- > Excessive speeding can also put extra stress on the engine and transmission system.

EFFICIENT DRIVING SPEED...

.. Fact

Fuel is directly proportional to the speed your vehicle is travelling. A 20% reduction in fuel consumption can be achieved simply by reducing your speed from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.