

Facts on Speeding

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- Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway.

- Speeding extends the distance required to stop a vehicle in emergency situations.

- Crash severity increases with the speed of the vehicle at impact.

- The effectiveness of restraint devices like air bags, seatbelts, crumple zones and side beams decline as impact speed increases.

- The probability of death, disfigurement, or debilitating injury grows with higher speed at impact. Such consequences double for every 10 mph over 50 mph that a vehicle travels.

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- When a vehicle crashes it undergoes a rapid change of speed. However the occupants keep moving at the vehicle's previous speed until they are stopped-either by hitting an object or by being restrained by a safety belt or airbag.

- When speeding there is a greater chance that other road users will misjudge how fast you are traveling.

Sources:

NHTSA (Speed Shatters Life)

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