

The Cost of Speeding

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Posted limits indicate the maximum legal speed permitted in ideal conditions. Driving faster than the maximum speed limit puts yourself and others at risk. Speed is a factor in nearly 25% of all fatal collisions in Alberta.

Passing Emergency Vehicles

Every year, dozens of tow truck operators are killed trying to help people on the roadside. Alberta law requires you to slow to 60 km/h (or less, if the posted limit is lower than 60 km/h) when passing an emergency vehicle with flashing lights, in the adjacent lane.

Keep in Mind

- The faster you go, the longer it takes to stop.
- Alberta's road and weather conditions are unpredictable; ensure you adjust your speed accordingly.
- Allowing yourself extra time to get to your destination helps you to avoid speeding because you are feeling rushed.



On Highways

18%

91%



On Residential
Roads

82%

52%

Say speeding is never acceptable, but
admit to doing it.



In School/Playground
Zones

95%

29%

Fines

Speed Over Limit	Demerits	Fines	Fines Construction Zone
1-15 km/h	2	\$81-\$126	\$163-\$252
16-30 km/h	3	\$146-\$249	\$292-\$499
31-50 km/h	4	\$264-\$495	\$528-991
Over 50 km/h	6	Mandatory Court Appearance	

Excessive Speeding

There are 1,165 convictions for excessive speeding (50 km/h or more above the posted limit) in Alberta each year. Excessive speeding is subject to a mandatory court appearance where a judge can impose a fine or license suspension.

School & Playground Zones

Between 10% and 30% of vehicles driving through school zones are caught speeding each day. Unless otherwise posted, 30 km/h is the maximum speed limit in school/playground zones and passing isn't permitted.



Construction Zones

Every year in Alberta, there are roughly 900 collisions in construction zones, putting roadside workers at serious risk. Speed limits for construction zones are determined by the conditions, so watch for the posted signage. If convicted, fines are doubled.