



# SPEED LIMITS



## Did you know?

- Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road collisions.
- Penalties for speeding range from £100 - £2,500 and between three and six penalty points.
- Drivers who go to court for speeding, could be fined up to 175% of their weekly salary and even be disqualified from driving.
- Speeding fines vary for certain types of roads and for different vehicle ratings.

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Many van drivers are not aware that speed limits for most light commercial vehicles (LCVs) are lower than passenger cars on carriageways.

As a rule, the UK speed limit for vans is 10 mph slower than the maximums for cars.

Speed limits for vans are lower due to vans often weighing more than passenger cars and having a higher centre of gravity, which means the stopping distances are greater. They are not as easy to control and they can inflict greater damage on other vehicles.

## Best practice tips:

### Top tips to stay within speed limits:

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- Check your speed regularly, especially when leaving high speed roads.
- Know and obey the speed limit – look for signs, especially at junctions.
- Concentrate – distracted drivers speed.
- Many vehicles now have a speed limiter fitted that the driver can set to prevent accidental speeding.
- Allow plenty of time for your journey – there's no need to speed.



## Speed Limits for vans:

Type of Van	Built-up Area*	Single Carriageway	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
Car-derived vans or dual-purpose vehicles	30	60 When towing 50	70 When towing 60	70 When towing 60
Vans & LCVs up to 3.5 tonnes	30	50	60	70 When towing 60
Vans & LCVs over 3.5 tonnes	30	50	Goods vehicles with a maximum laden weight of more than 3.5 tonnes must be limited to a maximum of 56mph.	

\*The 30mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads with street lighting unless signs show otherwise.



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- **Driving at inappropriate speeds is a dangerous and anti-social activity.**
- **When driving, a few miles per hour can mean the difference between life and death.**
- **According to Brake, the road safety charity, speed contributes to more than 105,000 collisions every year.**



Drivers travelling at higher speeds have less time to see and react to what is happening around them.



Drivers who speed are more likely to be involved in collisions. They are also more likely to commit other driving violations, such as red-light running and driving too close.



Speed/safety cameras are normally situated where there is a history of collisions caused by excessive speed.

## Top tips:



Inappropriate speed magnifies driver errors, such as driving too close or driving when tired or distracted, increasing the risk of a collision.

Learning to recognise your own 'speed triggers' will make it easier to avoid being 'pushed' into speeding. It will also make driving less stressful and more relaxing.

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Keeping a safe distance from the vehicle in front will help to reduce stress levels when driving. Leave at least a two-second gap between you and the vehicle in front. Double this distance on wet roads and increase it even further on icy roads.