

Speeding in B.C.



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On average, 81 people die every year in speed-related crashes.

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Speeding continues to be the #1 contributing factor for fatalities, more than distracted or impaired driving.

In 2019, nearly 1 out of 3 car crash fatalities were speed-related.



did you know?

Total stopping distance is the distance your vehicle will travel from the moment you notice a hazard until the moment your vehicle stops. You need time to see, think and react before your brakes even begin to slow your vehicle.



An increase of just 1 km/hr in average vehicle speed results in an **increase of 3%** in the incidence of crashes resulting in injury, and an increase of **4-5%** in the incidence of fatal crashes*.



*Save LIVES - A road safety technical package. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017.

the rules

Police can immediately impound your vehicle for **7 days** if you're driving more than **40 km/hr over** the posted speed limit.



up to **\$483**



The penalty for one speeding ticket can range between \$138 to \$483, and 3 penalty points.

Slow down. It's not worth the risk



Allow at least two seconds of following distance behind another vehicle in good weather and road conditions (three seconds on a highway), and increase it to at least four seconds in poor weather conditions or uneven roads.



Especially in an urban environment, increasing your speed does not decrease travel time in a significant way. So plan your trip accordingly and drive within the speed limit.

Fatal victim counts are police data, five-year average 2015-2019.

Demographics data is from ICBC Active B.C. Driver's Licenses Report and ICBC Data Warehouse.

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Speed includes exceeding speed limit, excessive speed over 40 km/h and driving too fast for conditions.

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