

Speeding is identified as a major factor in road crashes in Australia. Speeding increases the risk and severity of a crash, as a driver has less time to notice and react to potential hazards and they are more likely to lose control of their vehicle.



DRIVERS WHO ADMIT TO SPEEDING

- Most Australian drivers admit to exceeding the speed limit at least some of the time
 - Men are more likely than women to speed frequently – younger men are the worst offenders
 - Women aged 55 or older admit to exceeding the speed limit less often than any other group of drivers: one in five (21 per cent) say they never exceed the speed limit
 - Across the states, Victorians are slightly less likely to agree they speed most of the time, compared to drivers in other states
 - Drivers who travel a large number of kilometres (20,000+ per year) more readily admit to speeding most of the time, as do those with 10 or fewer years' driving experience (source: 2007 AAMI Crash Index)
- One-third of Australians (33 per cent) sometimes speed to arrive at work or home sooner
 - Drivers who admit to this are more likely to be men, 18-34 years old, have less driving experience and/or drive a large number of kilometres each year (source: 2007 AAMI Crash Index)

SPEED LIMITS

- One in 10 Australians (10 per cent) agrees they often ignore restricted speed limits, such as on local and suburban roads, outside schools and around roadworks
 - Drivers who admit to this behaviour are more likely to be younger men, from the Northern Territory, and drivers with up to 10 years of driving experience
 - Drivers who are less likely to ignore restricted speed limits are middle-aged to older women, South Australian drivers with more than 20 years' experience, low annual mileage and those who have never been in a crash (source: 2007 AAMI Crash Index)
- Three-quarters of Australian drivers (76 per cent) agree that they are sometimes 'unsure of what the speed limit is because the zones vary so much'
 - Drivers in Victoria and young men (18–34) are more likely to agree with this statement; older women drivers (more than 55 years), ACT and Northern Territory drivers are less likely to agree (source: 2007 AAMI Crash Index)

