

# SPEED LIMITS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

## National Speed Limits

### *60 mph – Single Carriageway Roads*

The national speed limit sign means a maximum speed of 60 mph on single carriageway roads, unless your vehicle speed limit is lower.

### *70 mph – Motorways/Dual Carriageways*

The national speed limit sign means a maximum speed of 70 mph on dual carriageway roads and motorways, unless your vehicle speed limit is lower.

The speed limit is the absolute maximum and does not mean it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. Driving at speeds too fast for the road and traffic conditions can be dangerous. You should always reduce your speed when

- the road layout or condition presents hazards, such as bends
- sharing the road with pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children and motorcyclists
- weather conditions make it safer to do so
- driving at night as it is harder to see other road users.

Please follow these rules for your own safety and the safety of others. All road users share a personal responsibility to reduce the terrible toll of death and injury on our roads. If we all obey the rules, more lives will be saved.

## CONTACTS

Further information on Road Safety may be obtained from the DOE Road Safety Education Offices located at the following addresses:-

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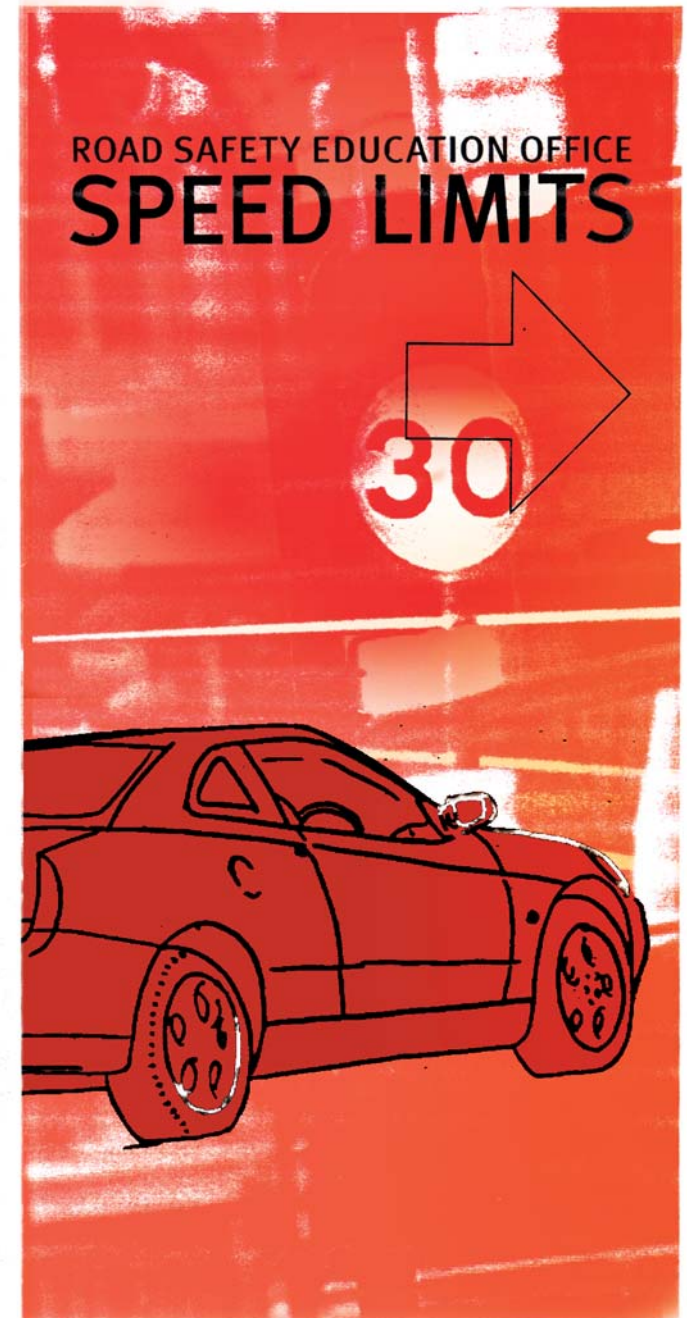
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The speed limits set out in the table are maximum speeds for Vehicles and Roads. Drivers **MUST** obey lower speed limits shown by road signs. A speed limit does not mean that it is safe to drive at that speed.

TYPE OF VEHICLE
<b>Cars &amp; motorcycles</b> (including car derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight) 
<b>Cars towing caravans or trailers</b> (including car derived vans and motorcycles) 
<b>Buses and coaches</b> (not exceeding 12 metres in overall length) 
<b>Goods vehicles</b> (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight) 
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*BUILT-UP AREAS	SINGLE CARRIAGEWAYS
	
MPH	MPH
30	60
30	50
30	50
30	50
30	40

DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS	MOTORWAYS
	
MPH	MPH
70	70
60	60
60	70
60	70†
50	60

†60 if articulated or towing a trailer

These are the national speed limits and apply to all roads unless signs show otherwise.

\*The 30 mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads where street lights are not more than 185 metres apart unless signs show otherwise.

This leaflet sets out general information on speed limits. The legislation is contained in Statutory Rule of Northern Ireland 1989 No.203. The Motor Vehicles (Speed Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989, published by TSO.