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Why speeding hurts

Every driver is guilty of breaking the speed limit at one time or another. But speed limits are there for your protection. It's not only breaking the law, but speeding can hurt you and others who might get in the way.

Speeding can cost more than it's worth, and here's why:

- Speeding fines are painful to your wallet.
- So are demerit points – and even if you fight the ticket and agree to a lesser charge, the conviction may stay on your record. That could result in higher insurance costs.
- Speeding wastes gas. Fuel economy decreases rapidly at speeds over 100 k/hour. Driving 100 k/hour instead of 120 k/hour per hour uses 20 per cent less fuel.*
- Wasting gas harms the environment.
- How fast does anyone really need to go? At the most, you'll save only five minutes or even less on your arrival time.

Want more information? Here's the Government of Canada's website for smart driving:

[*http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/personal/driving/autosmart-tips.cfm?attr=8](http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/personal/driving/autosmart-tips.cfm?attr=8)

And here's the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's website with the facts on driving the speed limit.

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/topics/speed.shtml>

Safe driving.

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