

Tips for Maintaining a Safe Speed

**Make your plan to
keep our roads safer by
driving at a safe speed**

**OUR
PLAN**

**To Share The
Road Safely**



Be prepared to maintain safe speeds on our roads



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Slow down in work zones

Work zones present hazards like lane shifts, sudden stops, uneven surfaces, equipment, and workers. Stay alert and be prepared to stop.



Check the weather on your route

Hazardous conditions like rain or snow can greatly increase CMV stopping distance. Drive at an appropriate speed to avoid the risk of a crash.



Be aware of long stopping distance

Maintain a safe speed so you can stop promptly if you need to.



Complete vehicle pre-checks

Ensure you conduct pre-trip safety inspections, particularly for tires and brakes. This helps you control speed and your vehicle throughout your journey.



Review your route ahead of departure

Be aware of detours, steep grades, and road conditions to anticipate when you need to slow down. Remember that large vehicles gain speed quickly downhill.



Reduce speed on curves and ramps

Posted speed limits are intended for passenger vehicles. CMVs should reduce speed further on curves and entrance/exit ramps to avoid rollovers.