

Maintaining a Safe Speed in California

Speeding puts all road users at risk — CMV drivers must be extra cautious, as large trucks and buses take much longer to stop and safely respond to sudden changes.

How did speeding affect California's roadways in 2023?

Unsafe speed contributed to 113,697 crashes, resulting in 546 fatalities and 68,598 injured victims.¹

For all road users, following vehicles too closely contributed to 186 total crashes and 197 injured victims. 116.9% of all recorded incidents.¹

SOURCE

¹Total Crashes by Severity and Killed/Injured Victims by PCF Violation Category Statewide CHP & Allied Agencies: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding>

Every Californian is responsible for sharing the road safely. For more information on driving safely on our roads, visit www.ShareTheRoadSafely.gov.



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Speed-related crashes claimed 12,151 lives on America's roadways in 2022.

Follow these tips from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's CMV Safe Speed Campaign to reduce the number of speeding-related crashes and fatalities on California's roadways:



Maintain a safe speed

Always prioritize safety and drive within the speed limit. Speeding can lead to crashes and fatalities.



Review your route

Be aware of work zones, detours, mountainous terrain, and road conditions to anticipate when a slower speed may be necessary.



Check the weather

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



Inspect your vehicle

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



Reduce speed on curves and ramps

The speed limits posted on curve warning signs may be intended for passenger vehicles; CMVs should reduce speed even further. Approach curves and entrance/exit ramps at a safe speed to avoid rollovers.