

Maintaining a Safe Speed in Puerto Rico

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 does speeding affect Puerto Rico's roadways?

Between 2018 and 2022, speeding large trucks were involved in fatal crashes that claimed at least 25 lives.¹

During those five years, speeding was a factor in 33% of all fatal crashes involving CMVs.²

In 2023, "Following too closely" was the leading factor in CMV-related crashes, responsible for 16.9% of all recorded incidents.³

SOURCE

¹Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS): 2018-2021

²Puerto Rico Road Safety Observatory Crash Statistics Tool

³www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding

Every Puerto Rican 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 Puerto Rico'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 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 are intended for passenger vehicles; CMVs should reduce speed even further. Approach curves and entrance/exit ramps at a safe speed to avoid rollovers.