

# Get the Facts: Speed Kills

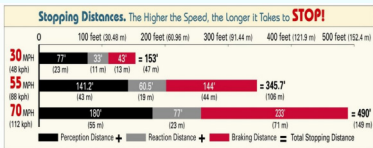
## WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT EXCESSIVE SPEED?

Whether it takes place on an interstate, a state or county highway, your neighborhood street or in the communities you travel through, speeding risks the lives of others. Reducing your speed gives you more vehicle control, more time to respond to any road situations and decreases the severity of impact during a crash. All those add up to making the road safer for everyone.

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Speeding behavior and aggressive drivers may not only affect the speeder — it can also affect other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Here are some tips when you encounter speeders on the road:

- If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let them by.
- Give speeding drivers plenty of space. Speeding drivers may lose control of their vehicle more easily.
- Adjust your driving accordingly. Speeding is tied to aggressive driving. If a speeding driver is tailgating you or trying to engage you in risky driving, use judgment to safely steer your vehicle out of the way.
- Call the police if you believe a driver is following or harassing you.



## DID YOU KNOW...

- In 2022, speed was a contributing factor in 34.3% of fatal crashes, showing an increase from 23.6% in 2021. The total number of speed-related fatalities also saw a rise in 2022, increasing from 35 in 2021 to 47.
- In May 2023 there were 4,729 citations written for speeding across the state of South Dakota for the click it or ticket campaign.
- The faster you drive, the longer it takes to stop:
- Speeding reduces the ability of road safety structures (such as guardrails, impact attenuators, crash cushions, median dividers, and concrete barriers) to protect you in a crash.