LET’S STOMP OUT LEAD FEET!

Statewide Speed Enforcement Patrols Slated for July

Each year, illegal or unsafe speed is a leading contributing factor in Minnesota’s fatal crashes:
- At least 130 deaths
- 70% occur on rural, two-lane roads

The dangers of illegal and unsafe speeding

Speeding isn’t an innocent crime — it’s a choice that puts every road user at risk:
- Greater potential for losing control of vehicle.
- More stopping distance required.
- Less time for driver to respond and avoid a crash.
- Increased crash severity — the faster the speed, the more violent the crash.

Obey the sign, or pay the fine

Speed-related statute — M.S. 169.14

- Every driver must drive at a speed that is “reasonable and prudent” under the conditions.
- Motorists stopped at 20 mph over the speed limit face double the fine; those ticketed traveling more than 100 mph can lose their license for six months.
- Costs of speeding violations vary by county, but typically are at least $120 for traveling 10 mph over the limit.

When drivers see red

Are you an aggressive driver? How do you recognize one and what should you do if you’re confronted by one?

You are an aggressive driver if you:
- Ignore traffic signals.
- Speed and tailgate.
- Weave in and out of traffic.
- Make improper lane changes frequently and abruptly.
- Pass on the shoulder.
- Make hostile hand and facial gestures.
- Scream, honk and flash lights.

If confronted by aggressive drivers, you should:
- Get out of their way.
- Stay calm.
- Don’t challenge them.
- Avoid eye contact.
- Ignore gestures and don’t return them.
- Find a safe place to call 911 and report aggressive driving (vehicle description, license number, location).

Minnesota NETS provides resources, consultation and speakers to help employers promote traffic safety. Questions? Contact Lisa Kons at 651-228-7330/800-444-9150; lisa.kons@minnesotasafetycouncil.org.
REMEMBER:

- Speeds posted on Minnesota roads only apply in ideal driving conditions.
- It’s against the law to drive at a speed that’s faster than reasonable for bad weather conditions or other hazards.
- Think of speeding as going too fast to stop in time to avoid a crash.