

# For all new drivers, here's the 411 on Speeding



In 1998, speeding was a contributing factor in 30% of all fatal crashes, and 12,477 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.



In 1998, 37% of the male drivers 15 to 20 years old who were involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash.

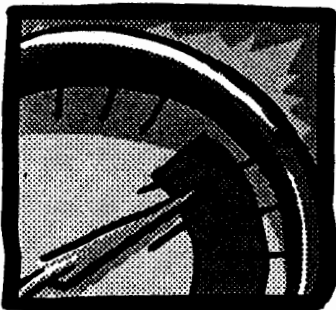


Of the 935 total traffic fatalities in Virginia in 1998, approximately 21% were speeding-related.



*Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a dangerous situation.*

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



**In 1998, speeding was a factor in:**

- ◆ 28% of fatal crashes that occurred on dry roads
- ◆ 32% of fatal crashes that occurred on wet roads
- ◆ 55% of fatal crashes that occurred on snow-covered or slushy roads
- ◆ 60% of fatal crashes that occurred on icy roads