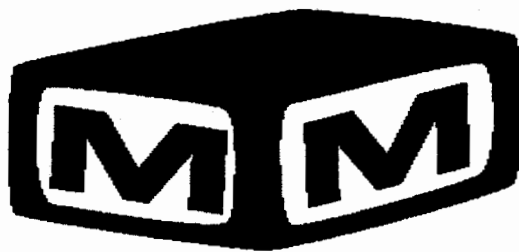


Drive...



MODERATE SPEED

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

## NATIONAL STATISTICS

(National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1997)

- In 1997, speeding was a contributing factor in 30% of all fatal crashes and 13,036 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.
- In 1997, 41% of all motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes were speeding.
- In 1997, speeding was a factor in:
  - 29% of fatal crashes that occurred on dry roads
  - 32% that occurred on wet roads
  - 50% that occurred on snow-covered or slushy roads
  - 57% that occurred on icy roads
- The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated by NHTSA to be \$28.9 billion per year. That is the equivalent of \$54,964 per minute or \$916 per second.



## VIRGINIA STATISTICS

- According to the Virginia Department of Transportation:
  - The speed limit for most business and residential areas is 25 mph for all vehicles.
  - On secondary roads (those routes numbered 600 and above), the speed limit is 45 mph for trucks and 55 mph for other vehicles.
- Of the 984 total traffic fatalities in 1997, approximately 28% were speeding-related.

