

SPEED AND ACCIDENTS

Driving in excess of the posted speed limit, or too fast for existing road/weather conditions, is a contributing factor in many traffic crashes in Kansas.

Are you speeding? Is your speedometer accurate? Here's a handy way to check your speedometer.

- Drive, within the posted speed limit, at a steady speed that's easy to see on your speedometer.
- Maintain a constant speed and clock yourself (in seconds) over a mile's distance using the milepost markings located on many state and federal highways.
- Use the chart below to determine your average speed for one mile.

| <u>SEC.--MPH</u> | <u>SEC.--MPH</u> |
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| 80--45 | 63--57 |
| 78--46 | 62--58 |
| 76--47 | 61--59 |
| 74--48 | 60--60 |
| 73--49 | 59--61 |
| 72--50 | 58--62 |
| 70--51 | 57--63 |
| 69--52 | 56--64 |
| 68--53 | 55--65 |
| 66--54 | 54--66 |
| 65--55 | 53--67 |
| 56--64 | 52--69 |

SOME CAUTIONS...

Avoid constantly looking at your watch while driving.

Do not perform this speed check in heavy traffic or when road conditions are less than normal.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT:

1. Stay calm. Stay at the scene unless extenuating conditions exist.
2. Care for the injured
3. In as much as possible, protect yourself and others by moving off the roadway and away from traffic.
4. If there is apparent property damage in excess of \$500 or personal injury, notify law enforcement authorities immediately and appropriate emergency service agencies (fire, ambulance, etc.) if necessary.
5. Identify witnesses.
6. If a person involved in the accident leaves the scene, try to obtain the following information:
 - Vehicle description (color, make, model)
 - License plate number
 - Direction of travel
 - Location of damage, if any
 - Description of driver
7. Locate your driver's license, vehicle registration card and liability insurance card or policy.



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