

Subject: **USE OF SPEED**

Recap: Speed limits - How do you know what the limit is? National speed limits 60/70.

Objective:

- What* Consider the use of speed in general driving.
- How* Discuss the safety aspects and how the correct speed should be chosen for different situations followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Have a better idea of correct use of speed for different situations.

Main Points:

SPEED You need be able to make safe, reasonable progress subject to:

Main consideration - You must be able to stop well within the distance you can see to be clear - the less you can see, the slower you should drive (At night, on an unlit road, the distance you can see to be clear is likely to be the range of your headlights).

Road conditions - Bends, hills, dips, road surface etc.

Weather conditions - Visibility fog/mist/rain - Increased stopping distances in rain/snow/ice etc.

Traffic conditions - Vehicles/pedestrians restricting visibility/space - slow down. Different times of day can effect speed choice - Rush hour, schools etc.

Speed limits & road signs - Do not speed - limits are a maximum - not always safe. Obey road signs - advance warning of hazards etc.

References: BSM, Pass your driving test P.65-70

Any Questions?