

Speeding

The [California Office of Transportation Safety](#) is dedicated to educating the public on the dangers of reckless driving and speeding. Speed, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is a factor in 31 percent of all fatal crashes nationwide and is one of the most prevalent contributing factors in all traffic crashes.

The human and economic sacrifice is immense with an economic cost to society equaling almost \$24 billion each year.

Facts:

- In 1994 in California, 493 people were killed and 78,516 were injured in speed-related collisions.
- In California, 11 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes are attributable to unsafe speeds.
- Eighty-four percent of speeding drivers killed were male and between the ages of 15 to 34 years of age.
- Twenty-five percent of male drivers involved in fatal crashes were speeding compared to 16 percent for females.
- The chance of death or serious injury doubles for every 10 mph over 50 mph a vehicle travels.
- Health care costs of speed related crashes is \$1.96 billion per year. This averages out to be \$774 per second.
- Economic impacts for speed-related crashes costs society approximately \$24 billion per year.

For more information on the topic of speeding, contact:

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