

ROAD SAFETY

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING:
HARSHER PENALTIES

Québec 

HARSHER PENALTIES TO DETER EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

Each year, speeding on Québec roads kills 250 people and injures over 11,000 others.

Even if you are a skilled driver at the wheel of a good vehicle, you cannot go over the speed limit without increasing the risk of accident to yourself and other road users. No one can.

Speeding increases:

- braking distance,
- the severity of impacts.

Speeding reduces:

- tire traction,
- a driver's field of vision.

Speeding is always risky.

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To reduce the number of accidents and improve road safety, harsher penalties have been introduced to help deter speeding. It will now cost more if you are stopped for excessive speeding and found guilty of the offence.

As well, over the next few months, harsher penalties will come into effect on the date determined by the Government of Québec. If you are found guilty of a first excessive speeding offence, the offence will count against you for the next **10 years** if you commit further excessive speeding offences.

WHAT IS EXCESSIVE SPEEDING?

You are committing an excessive speeding offence if you exceed the speed limit:

- by 40 km/h or over in a zone of 60 km/h or less;
- by 50 km/h or over in a 60 km/h to 90 km/h zone;
- by 60 km/h or over in a 100 km/h zone.

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING - NEW PENALTIES

1st, 2nd or, 3rd OFFENCE	If you are pulled over for excessive speeding: AND if you are found guilty of the offence: • the number of demerit points has been doubled • the amount of a fine has been doubled
4th OFFENCE OR MORE	If you are pulled over for excessive speeding and have had 3 or more previous convictions within the last 10 years: AND you are found guilty of the offence: • the number of demerit points has been doubled • the amount of a fine has been tripled

EXAMPLES

Speed limit (km/h)	Recorded speed (km/h)	Fine*	Demerit points
50	95	\$520	6
90	145	\$710	10
100	180	\$1,240	14

* The amount of fines includes applicable administrative fees, subject to change, which are determined on the basis of the amount of the penalty and a mandatory contribution of \$10 to the crime victims’ assistance program (Programme d’aide aux victimes d’actes criminels).

NEW PENALTIES IN EFFECT SOON

Over the next few months, harsher penalties will come into effect on the date determined by the Government of Québec.

The first time you are stopped for excessive speeding you face:

- immediate suspension of your driver's licence for 7 days.

For 10 years following a first offence, if you are stopped for excessive speeding again, depending on the number of excessive speeding convictions on your record since April 1, 2008,

AND

depending on the speed limit in the zone where you committed the offence, you face:

- immediate suspension of your driver's licence for 30 or 60 days;
- immediate seizure and impoundment of the vehicle for 30 days.

You're risking more than just demerit points and a fine when you speed...

You're risking your own life and that of others.

**WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR
OUR CONDUCT ON THE ROAD**

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