

# ROAD SAFETY

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING:  
HARSHER PENALTIES

## 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!

To reduce the number of accidents and improve road safety, harsher penalties have been introduced to help deter excessive speeding.

### 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 zone of 100 km/h.

### REFERENCE PERIOD: 10 YEARS

Since April 1, 2008, if you are found guilty of an excessive speeding offence, the offence will count against you for the next 10 years. This means that if you commit one or more excessive speeding offences within ten years after your conviction, you will receive harsher penalties.

## DRIVING RECORD

As with any other offence committed under the *Highway Safety Code*, demerit points for excessive speeding will remain on your driving record for 2 years following a conviction or payment of a fine. It is worth noting that payment of a fine is equivalent to a conviction.

### EXCESSIVE SPEEDING - NEW PENALTIES

#### 1<sup>st</sup> OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding:

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

AND you are found guilty of the offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding **and have had a previous conviction for excessive speeding within the last 10 years**:

- **immediate suspension** of your driver's licence for **30 days**;
- **immediate seizure** of the vehicle for **30 days** if **both** offences were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND you are found guilty of this offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding and have had **2 convictions for excessive speeding within the last 10 years**:

- or
- **immediate suspension** of your driver's licence for **30 days**;
  - **immediate suspension** of your driver's licence for **60 days** if **all three** offences, including this one, were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;
  - **immediate seizure** of the vehicle for **30 days** if this offence, and at least **one** other, were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND you are found guilty of this offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> OFFENCE OR MORE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding and have had **3 or more** previous convictions for excessive speeding within the last 10 years:

- or
- **immediate suspension** of your driver's licence for **30 days**;
  - **immediate suspension** of your driver's licence for **60 days** if this offence and at least two others were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;
  - **immediate seizure** of the vehicle for **30 days** if this offence and at least **one** other were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND you are found guilty of this offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **tripled**.

## EXAMPLES

### Speed

| Limit (km/h) | Recorded (km/h) | Total amount* | Demerit points |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 50           | 95              | \$528         | 6              |
| 90           | 145             | \$718         | 10             |
| 100          | 180             | \$1255        | 14             |

\* This amount, subject to change, includes the fine provided under the *Highway Safety Code*, registry fees, as well as a contribution to IVAC (Indemnisation des victimes d'actes criminels). Please note that other fees may apply.

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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