

# Safe Journey

Dumfries and Galloway is one of the most pleasant and safe areas in Britain and we want you to enjoy the time which you spend in one of Scotland's most beautiful areas.



Local police and other agencies are working to reduce road casualties. You can help.

## Plan Your Journey

Plot your route and check with motoring organisations for any expected road works. Make sure you allow enough time for rest stops and possible delays. Speeding puts you and your passengers at risk.

AVERAGE JOURNEY & DISTANCE TIMES			
Route	Distance in miles	Time to travel	
		by car	by lorry, car or caravan
A75 Stranraer - Gretna	98	2 hours	3hrs
A74 Gretna - Harthope Viaduct	47	50mins	1hr 15 mins
A713 Castle Douglas - Carsphairn	26	45 mins	1hr 15 mins
A7 English Border - Borders Regional Boundary	19	40mins	50mins
A76 Dumfries -Kirkconnel	31	45 mins	1 hr

Speed is a major factor in most crashes so drive within the speed limit and if the weather's bad, slow down, put on your lights and take extra care.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the Dumfries & Galloway Safety Camera Partnership?

It is a Government-backed scheme, which aims at reducing the number of road casualties in Dumfries & Galloway by encouraging and educating motorists to drive within permitted speed limits. It will do this by clearly promoting the objectives of the scheme and through the use of safety cameras situated in areas where there is a proven incidence of crashes.

## Who is involved in the Partnership?

The Dumfries and Galloway Safety Camera Partnership is a working group consisting of Dumfries and Galloway Council, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary, Fire Brigade, the Scottish Executive and NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

## Why use safety cameras?

Speeding is a very serious criminal offence. Research and experience confirm that excessive and inappropriate speed is a major contributory factor in crashes that cause death and injury. The purpose of safety cameras is to encourage motorists to change their attitude toward speeding and comply with speed limits at all times.

## Where will the cameras be?

Strict Government rules mean that we can only site safety cameras on roads with a history of crashes in which people have been killed or seriously injured – locations where we are determined to reduce casualties in the future.

A full list of areas being targeted is on the Dumfries and Galloway Council and Police websites and in local press.

## Is this not another example of "bashing" the motorist?

No – the scheme will be of benefit to all people, including motorists. The only motorists who will suffer are those who break the law by speeding.

## Isn't this a form of raising money by penalising motorists?

Not at all. None of the project partners can make a profit from the scheme. There are strict guidelines set down regarding where the cameras can be sited and how visible they have to be. The aim is not to raise revenue. It is to save lives. It is about persuading drivers to slow down and drive within the appropriate speed limits and so reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths on our roads.

## Why not try other methods of slowing drivers down, such as better speed limit signs, traffic calming and publicity?

We are continuing to use these other methods and increasing these where funding permits. Cameras are not the only means of slowing drivers, but they are effective in the right circumstances. The cameras are just one strand of the Region's overall road safety strategy.





## Surely a few miles per hour over the speed limit doesn't hurt anyone?

This is not true. A few miles per hour over the limit can make all the difference. At 35mph, you are twice as likely to kill if you hit someone compared with at 30mph. Also, at 35mph, you are much less likely to stop in time if someone runs out in front of you. It takes an extra 21 feet to stop. Put simply, the faster you go, the less time you have to react.

## REMEMBER THE SPEED LIMIT ISN'T NECESSARILY THE SAFE SPEED



# Know your limit

	BUILT-UP AREAS	ELSEWHERE		MOTORWAYS
		 SINGLE CARRIAGEWAYS	 DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS	
TYPE OF VEHICLE	MPH	MPH	MPH	MPH
CARS & MOTORCYCLES (including car derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	60	70	70
CARS TOWING CARAVANS OR TRAILERS (including car derived vans and motorcycles)	30	50	60	60
BUSES & COACHES (not exceeding 12 meters in overall length)	30	50	60	70*
GOODS VEHICLES (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	50	60	70*
GOODS VEHICLES (exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	40	50	60

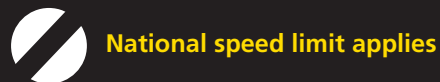
\* 60 if articulated or towing a trailer

## speed limit

The speed limit is the absolute maximum. It does not mean it is always safe to drive at that speed






20, 30 and 40 mph speed limits are all used within built-up areas. 50 mph limits may be used on main roads through villages.



**National speed limit applies**

Where you see the national speed limit sign, the following limits apply, unless additional signs dictate otherwise.

-  **60** Single carriageway **MAXIMUM 60 MPH**
-  **70** Dual carriageway **MAXIMUM 70 MPH**
-  **70** Motorway **MAXIMUM 70 MPH**

The above limits apply to cars, motorcycles and car-derived vans. Cars towing caravans or trailers, buses or coaches and good vehicles have different limits on certain roads.

By far the greatest cause of collisions is people driving too fast for the conditions  
The speed limit is there for **SAFETY** - please obey it

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# 30 only KILL YOUR SPEED



**SAFETY**



**CAMERAS**

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