

Speeding

Speed in excess of limits or the prevailing conditions is a major factor in road crashes, contributing to around one third of all fatal crashes in Western Australia.

Penalties for speeding have increased in line with the known risk of crashing from this type of behaviour. Penalties have increased for drivers who continue to speed on the State's roads by more than 20 km/h. Other speeding penalties remain unchanged.

The new penalties are highlighted in the table below.

Speeding by light vehicles

(Cars, motorcycles and other vehicles less than 22.5 tonnes Gross Combination Mass):

Km/h over the speed limit	Fine	Demerits*
Not more than 9 km/h	\$75	0
More than 9 km/h but not more than 19 km/h	\$150	2
More than 19 km/h but not more than 29 km/h	Previous \$250, New \$300	3
More than 29 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	Previous \$350, New \$700	5
More than 40 km/h	\$1000	7

Speeding by heavy vehicles

(Vehicles with a Gross Combination Mass of 22.5 tonnes or more):

Km/h over the speed limit	Fine	Demerits*
Not more than 9 km/h	\$150	0
More than 9 km/h but not more than 19 km/h	\$250	2
More than 19 km/h but not more than 29 km/h	Previous \$350, New \$400	3
More than 29 km/h but not more than 40 km/h	Previous \$500, New \$850	5
More than 40 km/h	\$1000	7

* Demerit points are doubled on long weekends and other prescribed holiday periods.

A Guide to Revised Traffic Infringement Penalties in Western Australia

Effective from 1 March 2008

This brochure is a guide only and should not be relied on for legal purposes. Full details of traffic offences and penalties are contained in the Road Traffic Code 2000. Copies can be viewed at the Library and Information Service of Western Australia and are available for purchase from the State Law Publisher, 10 William Street, Perth WA 6000 or online at www.slp.wa.gov.au

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About this brochure

In 2007, 235 lives were cut short on Western Australian roads. 67 of those deaths were from injuries sustained as a result of not wearing a seat belt.

In an effort to keep the number of road fatalities down, we are increasing the penalties for some traffic offences. These new penalties will be targeting infringements that have been identified as a major cause of car crashes or a contributing factor to the severity of injuries sustained from a collision. These offences include the non-use of seat belts, the use of a hand-held mobile phone, and speeding.

The penalties for these traffic offences have been revised accordingly. The existing penalties for a large number of offences are unchanged.

This brochure outlines the revised penalties that will come into effect on 1 March 2008.

The Office of Road Safety website (www.officeofroadsafety.wa.gov.au) has information comparing the pre-2008 penalty with the revised penalty now enforced.



Remember to stay safe and drive within the law.

Non-Use of Seat Belts and Other Restraints

Failure to wear seat belts and other restraints contributes to serious injury and death in road crashes.

Motor vehicle drivers and passengers must sit in a seat that has a restraint available and they must have the seat belt or restraint fastened and worn correctly. Passengers are not allowed to travel in the back of trucks, utes or panel vans, unless there are approved seat belts provided.

In line with the known increase in injury severity from not wearing an appropriate restraint, from 1 March 2008 a new ruling will be introduced that makes a driver responsible for ensuring all passengers are restrained regardless of age. Until this change, a driver was only responsible for those passengers under the age of 16.

New penalties for drivers and passengers not being correctly restrained

Offence	Fine	Demerits*
Unrestrained Driver	\$500	4
with one unrestrained passenger	\$600	4
with two unrestrained passengers	\$700	4
with three unrestrained passengers	\$800	4
with four or more unrestrained passengers	\$900	4
Restrained Driver		
with one unrestrained passenger	\$500	4
with two unrestrained passengers	\$600	4
with three unrestrained passengers	\$700	4
with four or more unrestrained passengers	\$800	4

* Demerit points are doubled on long weekends and other prescribed holiday periods.

An unrestrained passenger over the age of 16 will continue to receive a penalty of \$500. The following existing penalties also still apply.

Existing penalties for non-restraints

Offence	Fine	Demerits*
Driver not wearing seat belt	\$500	4
Driver not ensuring passenger 1-16yrs wears restraint	\$500	4
Driver not ensuring passenger occupies position with seat belt	\$500	4
Driver allowing unrestrained passengers in front row of seats	\$500	4
Driver not ensuring child under 12 months is suitably restrained	\$500	4
Passenger not wearing seat belt	\$500	0
Passenger not occupying seat belted position that is available	\$500	0
Passenger sitting in front row unrestrained	\$500	0
Driver allowing passenger in open utes etc	\$500	4
Passenger riding in open utes etc	\$500	0

* Demerit points are doubled on long weekends and other prescribed holiday periods.

Use of Hand-Held Mobile Phone

Driver distraction is increasingly a contributing factor in many serious crashes. For this reason, the penalty for using a hand-held mobile phone while driving has increased from \$100 and 3 demerit points to \$250 and 3 demerit points.

New penalties for use of hand-held phone

Offence	Fine	Demerits
Using hand-held mobile phone while driving	\$250	3

