

National Road Safety Speed Enforcement Approach

Purpose

These principles represent Australia's strategic approach to managing enforcement of travel speeds on the nation's roads. The principles form guidance and acknowledge jurisdictional variations in the development of policies, programs and practices aimed at addressing the role of speed in road trauma.

Key Statement

The priority of speed management in reducing road trauma is supported by strong evidence. Australia's combined road safety and enforcement agencies (police, transport, roads and justice) undertake to work together on speed management for the safety of all road users.

Safe System Approach

All aspects of speed management will reflect the central and interactive roles of speed and energy management in the Safe System approach to road safety.

Principles

Location sensitive enforcement	Speed enforcement activities will take into account factors specific to the local context.
Better practice	A continuous improvement approach to speed enforcement through a commitment to collaborate towards national best practice including operational activities, use of technology and data.
Technology	Speed enforcement will continue to make use of best practice technologies appropriate to the speed zone, road use and location.
Deterrence	Speed enforcement will apply a mix of overt and covert methods using available evidence to support general and specific deterrence to maintain safe travel speeds.
Responsibility for safe speeds	Speed management is a responsibility for all. Speed enforcement is best conducted through a coordinated multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach which may involve police, transport, road agencies and justice.
Public communication	Consistent and relevant public messaging about speed related safety risks will form part of enforcement activities in the context of the Safe System approach.
Inter-agency communication	Enforcement agencies will share experiences and learnings from speed enforcement activities with a view to improving road safety outcomes nationally.