

50km/h local road speed limit



Redland
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This booklet is designed to inform you of the changes in your neighbourhood and what you can do to keep safe. Inside you will find everything you need to know about the new speed limit and why it is so important to stick to it.

All motorists in Queensland must drive no faster than 50km/h on local streets. This includes regional Queensland. By lowering the speed limit on local streets, your neighbourhood will become safer for you and your family. It will reduce the instances of accidents and make our community a more pleasant place to live.

Many people believe that driving just 10-15km/h over the speed limit is still safe. There is no such thing as safe speeding. Speeding is speeding, whether it is by a large margin or just 10-15km/h over the limit, and it is certainly not safe.

Research nationally shows that up to 30 percent of crashes which result in injury happen on local streets.

Six factors that make speeding unsafe

- 1. The unexpected actions of other drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and animals**

- 2. Changes to road, weather and light conditions**

- 3. The different types and amount of traffic sharing the road with you**

- 4. Your own tiredness, concentration level and in-vehicle distractions**

- 5. Outside activities such as cars parking, roadwork, accident scenes and other distractions**

- 6. The age, type, condition and handling characteristics of your vehicle and the possibility of mechanical failure.**

(Queensland Transport)



Frequently asked Questions

Q. Are 50km/h areas signposted?

- A. No. All unsigned areas are 50km/h zones. That means, on local streets, you must drive no faster than 50km/h, unless you see a speed limit sign indicating otherwise.

If you don't see a speed limit sign in a built-up area, you must stick to 50km/h.

Q. Which local roads have a 50km/h limit?

- A. All local roads are 50km/h zones. A local road is one which provides access to residences and private properties. They are roads near which children play, people walk and schools are located. It is also important to note that both commercial and industrial areas also have local roads.

Remember: built-up area, no speed limit sign - stick to 50km/h.

Q. Will Council consider erecting 50km/h speed limit signs?

- A. Council will only consider erecting 50km/h signage in accordance with the relevant standards after thorough investigation in extreme circumstances.



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Q. How much difference does 10km/h make?

- A.** Decreasing your travelling speed by 10km/h means a difference of about 12 to 16 metres when braking. That means, a car travelling at 60km/h will travel an extra 12 to 16 metres after the brakes are applied suddenly. If you are braking to avoid a child or a pedestrian, those 12 to 16 metres may be the difference between life and death.

Q. How do I find out the speed limit on my street?

- A.** In built up areas where there is no sign posted speed limit, you must travel at a speed no faster than 50km/h. If you are still unsure, contact Council for further information.

Q. Will the 50km/h speed limit effect my travel time?

- A.** The lower speed limit should only have a minimal effect on travel time if any at all. The most important thing is that you reach your destination safely and without incident.

**In a built-up area
where there is
no posted speed
limit, you must
drive 50km/h**



For more information on local roads and speed limits please refer to the Council website on www.redland.qld.gov.au

