

Speed limits

You MUST NOT exceed the maximum speed limits for the road and for your vehicle (see the table below). Street lights usually mean that there is a 30 mph speed limit unless there are signs showing another limit. Law RTRA sections 81,86,89 & schedule 6



Built-up Areas*








Single carriage-ways



Dual carriage-ways



Motorways

Type of vehicle	Built-up Areas* MPH	Single carriage-ways MPH	Dual carriage-ways MPH	Motorways MPH
 Cars and 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 and coaches (not exceeding 12 metres 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

These are the national speed limits and apply to all roads unless signs show otherwise.

* The 30 mph limit applies to all traffic on all roads in England and Wales (only Class C and unclassified roads in Scotland) with street lighting unless signs show otherwise).

† 60 if articulated or towing a trailer.