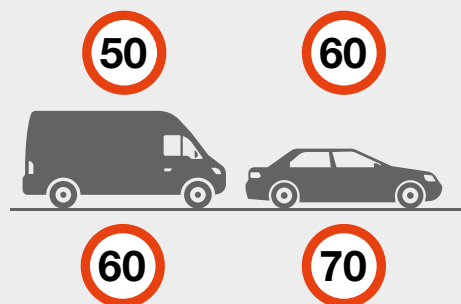




SPEED LIMITS

Did you know?

- Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road collisions.
- Penalties for speeding range from £100 - £2,500 and between three and six penalty points.
- Drivers who go to court for speeding, could be fined up to 175% of their weekly salary and even be disqualified from driving.
- Speeding fines vary for certain types of roads and for different vehicle ratings.



Many van drivers are not aware that speed limits for most light commercial vehicles (LCVs) are lower than passenger cars on carriageways.

As a rule, the UK speed limit for vans is 10 mph slower than the maximums for cars.

Speed limits for vans are lower due to vans often weighing more than passenger cars and having a higher centre of gravity, which means the stopping distances are greater. They are not as easy to control and they can inflict greater damage on other vehicles.

Best practice tips:

Top tips to stay within speed limits:

- Always be aware of and obey the speed limit of the roads you are driving on. Speed limits set the maximum speed for that road - they are not a target!
- Check your speed regularly, especially when leaving high speed roads.
- Know and obey the speed limit – look for signs, especially at junctions.
- Concentrate – distracted drivers speed.
- Many vehicles now have a speed limiter fitted that the driver can set to prevent accidental speeding.
- Allow plenty of time for your journey – there's no need to speed.



Speed Limits for vans:

Type of Van	Built-up Area*	Single Carriageway	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
Car-derived vans or dual-purpose vehicles	30	60 When towing 50	70 When towing 60	70 When towing 60
Vans & LCVs up to 3.5 tonnes	30	50	60	70 When towing 60
Vans & LCVs over 3.5 tonnes	30	50	Goods vehicles with a maximum laden weight of more than 3.5 tonnes must be limited to a maximum of 56mph.	

*The 30mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads with street lighting unless signs show otherwise.