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## Minnesota Speeding Facts

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- In 2010–2012 in Minnesota, illegal or unsafe speed was a contributing factor in 214 fatal crashes resulting in 243 deaths.
- During the same period, fatalities resulting from speed-related crashes cost Minnesota over \$333 million.
- Illegal or unsafe speed is a leading contributing factor in fatal crashes. In 2012, 74 people were killed in speed-related crashes.
- In 2010–2012, illegal or unsafe speed was cited in 31 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- Over the three-year period, 2010–2012, 61 percent of the speed-related fatal crashes occurred in rural areas (less than 5,000 population).
- In 2010-2012, illegal or unsafe speed accounted for 25 percent of the factors cited in fatal crashes for drivers under age 30, compared to only 5 percent of the factors cited for drivers age 65 and older.
- NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) reports nearly 60 percent of all drivers report seeing speeding vehicles all or most of the time when they drive on residential streets as well as highways.
- NHTSA research shows motorists wrongly believe speeding is not a great risk to safety or as serious as other traffic violations. In reality, the consequences of excessive speeding include:
  - Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
  - Increased stopping distance
  - Increased crash severity leading to more numerous and severe injuries.

Sources: *Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety;*  
*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*  
*June 2011*