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Foothills RCMP warns of the dangers of excessive speeding

Foothills County, Alta. –RCMP ask that motorists slow down on highways and rural roads. In Alberta, standard speed limits are established for different roadways for the safety of those traveling on them.

Unless otherwise posted, the following speed limits apply in Alberta:

- 100 km/h on a provincial highway located outside an urban area.
- 80 km/h on a provincial highway located inside a corporate limit of a city.
- 80 km/h on a roadway that is located outside an urban area.
- 50 km/h on a roadway that is located within an urban area, unless otherwise posted.

Rural roads present unique risks including livestock and wildlife, unmarked intersections and blind curves, as well as varying and sometimes poor surfaces. These roads require safe speeds and the full attention of motorists.

Speeding fines and demerits range in severity.

- Exceed speed limit up to 15 km/h over 2 demerits and up to \$126 fine
- Exceed speed limit by 16 to 30 km/h 3 demerits and up to \$249 fine
- Exceed speed limit by 31 to 50 km/h 4 demerits and up to \$495 fine

Fine amounts double when construction workers or emergency responders are present.

To avoid speeding, the RCMP recommends giving yourself enough travel time, limiting distractions while driving, and being aware of posted limits in playground and construction zones.

Did you know? Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on a highway outside an urban area is 100 km/h, 80 km/h on provincial highways located inside cities and roadways outside urban areas, and 50 km/h on roadways located inside an urban area?

Social Media:

For more safety tips follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

As always, report any suspicious activity to your local RCMP Detachment, 24/7:

- Turner Valley RCMP 403-933-4262
- High River RCMP 403-652-2356
- Okotoks RCMP 403-938-4202

Or reach out to us by calling 310-RCMP (7267) for non emergency complaints

Stay safe and keep any eye out for one another.

