



30km/h for safer streets

Why safer speeds make our streets better for everyone



Transport Victoria is committed to a future where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads.

As part of the *Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030* and *Road Safety Action Plan 2* we're working to eliminate all road deaths by 2050.



Managing speed limits is key to bringing down the number of lives lost on our roads. Speed is the most critical risk factor in road crashes because it influences the likelihood of a crash happening, and how severe it is.

Our roads are for everyone – no matter how you get around.

30km/h is the global standard speed for areas where vehicles share the road with people walking, cycling or using public transport.

This means busy places in our communities where people live, travel to get to work or school, and spend time visiting local cafes and shops.

Speed limits and zones are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to make sure they're right for the road, in response to community feedback or changes to the road environment.

We look at a range of factors including the surrounding environment, crash risk and history, traffic volumes and how people use the road.

Any change to speed is based on evidence – we know that safer speeds save lives.

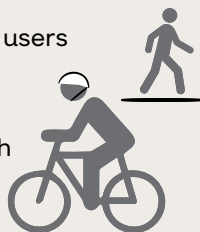
Across Victoria, 30km/h speeds are being introduced in neighbourhoods and places with high pedestrian numbers, activity centres and around schools. It's to help keep everyone safe – and we know it works.

There are many reasons why more 30km/h zones make sense.

Pedestrians and cyclists are **vulnerable road users** as they don't have the physical protection cars provide



Vulnerable road users face much **greater risks** from a crash with speeds above **30km/h**



Safer speeds transform our streets into vibrant, welcoming spaces –

encouraging people to **walk, cycle, and stay active** within their community



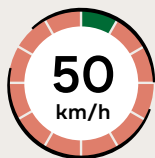
When a pedestrian is struck by a car, their chance of surviving **dramatically increases** when the vehicle's speed is lower



90%
chance of survival



60%
chance of survival



10%
chance of survival

● Fatality ● Chance of survival

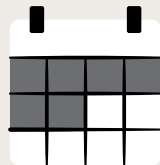
In Victoria, the City of Yarra **30km/h speed limit** trial saw a

51%
reduction in all crashes

70%
reduction in serious crashes



In 2024, about 20% of all **lives lost on Victorian roads** were pedestrians and cyclists



30km/h speed limits

bring us in line with all other states and territories



30km/h speed limits introduced across 40 European cities:

37%
fewer deaths

38%
fewer injuries



Communities know the importance of **safer speeds** and are **requesting** these changes to improve local safety



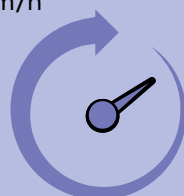
60%
of serious injury crashes

in Victoria are attributed to the speed limits being too high for the road environment

Reducing speed by **5km an hour** can help reduce crashes by



Travelling at 30km/h allows drivers more time to **react and stop safely** in dangerous situations



30km/h means more of Victoria's **1 million+ school kids** can **safely walk and ride** to school



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