



**SAFE SPEED**  
DRIVE TO CONDITIONS

# SPEED LIMITS

Speed limits are set based on factors that contribute to the crash risk, including:

The purpose, design and physical condition of the road

The amount and type of traffic

The type of community

Sight distance

Crash frequency and statistics



# UNSAFE FOR CONDITIONS

The speed limit is the maximum allowed speed.

Drivers often have to drive slower than the posted speed limit because of conditions.

You can be cited for driving at a speed below the posted limit that is “unsafe for conditions”.

Confusing!



# SAFE SPEED FOR CONDITIONS

## Texas Speed Law

No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing or under the conditions and having regard to actual and potential hazards. Tran. Code §545.351(a) and (b)(1)463

## This means...

Drivers shall operate their vehicles at a speed that allows them to have control of their vehicle at all times.



# SPEED LIMIT

The purpose is to set a standard for safe speed at all times, under all conditions

Conditions change constantly:

- Visibility
- Line of sight
- Weather
- Ambient light
- Road conditions
- Traffic volume
- Community environment
- Driver condition

# HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE SAFE SPEED?

