

ROAD SAFETY

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING:
STIFFER PENALTIES



Québec 

STIFFER PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

Every year, speeding on Québec roads kills approximately 175 people and injures almost 9,000 others.

Even if you are a skilled driver at the wheel of a good vehicle, you cannot go over the speed limit without increasing the risk of accident to yourself and other road users. No one can.

Speeding increases:

- stopping distance;
- the severity of impacts.

Speeding reduces:

- a driver's ability to control the vehicle in curves;
- a driver's field of vision.

Speeding is always risky!

To reduce the number of accidents and improve road safety, stiffer penalties have been introduced to put the brakes on excessive speeding.

REFERENCE PERIOD: 10 YEARS

Since April 1, 2008, if you are convicted of excessive speeding, the offence is taken into consideration for the subsequent 10 years. This means that if you commit one or more excessive speeding offences within ten years after your conviction, you will receive stiffer penalties.

WHAT IS EXCESSIVE SPEEDING?

You are committing an excessive speeding offence if you exceed the speed limit:

- by 40 km/h or more in a zone of 60 km/h or less;
- by 50 km/h or more in a zone of more than 60 km/h but not more than 90 km/h;
- by 60 km/h or more in a zone of 100 km/h or more.

DRIVING RECORD

As with any other offence committed under the *Highway Safety Code*, demerit points for excessive speeding remain on your driving record for two years following a conviction or payment of a fine. It is worth noting that payment of a fine is equivalent to a conviction.

EXCESSIVE SPEEDING—PENALTIES

1st OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding:

- your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 7 days**;

AND if you are convicted of the offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

2nd OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding **and have had another conviction for excessive speeding within the previous 10 years**:

- your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 30 days**;
- the vehicle is **immediately seized and impounded for 30 days** if this offence and at least 1 other were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND if you are convicted of the offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

3rd OFFENCE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding and have had **2** convictions for excessive speeding within the previous 10 years:

or • your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 30 days**;

and • your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 60 days** if all 3 offences, including this one, were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

and • the vehicle is **immediately seized and impounded for 30 days** if this offence and at least 1 other were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND if you are convicted of the offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **doubled**.

4th OFFENCE OR MORE

If you are pulled over for excessive speeding and have had **3 or more** convictions for excessive speeding within the previous 10 years:

or • your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 30 days**;

and • your driver's licence is **immediately suspended for 60 days** if this offence and at least 2 others were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

and • the vehicle is **immediately seized and impounded for 30 days** if this offence and at least 1 other were committed in a zone of 60 km/h or less;

AND if you are convicted of the offence:

- the number of demerit points is **doubled**;
- the fine is **tripled**.

EXAMPLES

Speed			
Limit (km/h)	Recorded (km/h)	Total amount*	Demerit points
50	95	\$542	6
90	145	\$732	10
100	180	\$1,280	14

* This amount, subject to change, includes the fine provided under the *Highway Safety Code*, registry fees, as well as a contribution to the IVAC crime victims compensation program. Please note that other fees may apply.

You're risking more than just demerit points and a fine when you speed.

You're risking your own life and that of others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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