

Know Your Speed Limits

	Built up area (Street Lit)	Single Carriageways	Dual Carriageways	Motorways
Type of Vehicle	MPH	MPH	MPH	MPH
Cars & M/Cycles (including car derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	60	70	70
Cars towing caravans or trailers (including car derived vans & M/Cycles)	30	50	60	60
Buses and coaches (not exceeding 12 metres overall length)	30	50	60	70
Goods vehicles (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	50	60	70* *60 if articulated or towing a trailer
Goods vehicles (exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30	40	50	60

30mph Speed Limit

The 30mph speed limit is predominately used in urban areas (and more recently in many villages) and usually is indicated by the presence of a system of streetlights.

The presence of streetlights is the way we recognise this speed limit and it is the reason why you do not see, apart from where the limit starts, 30mph speed limit signs. Some believe this to be an odd way of indicating a speed limit, but really it is simple.

If there are streetlights and no signs to the contrary a 30mph speed limit is in force.

There are a number of unlit roads where a 30 mph speed limit applies.

In these circumstances the traffic authority must place 30 mph repeater signs.