

State Highway 23

Hamilton to Raglan - Safety Improvements



WE ARE DRIVING TOO FAST FOR NEW ZEALAND ROADS. IT'S KILLING AND INJURING US, AND HURTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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- Speed affects the impact of every crash and the severity of the injury. It is the difference between a correctable mistake and a fatal error.
- Travelling too fast for the conditions is a contributing factor in around a third of all fatal crashes.
- Cars may have evolved to go faster but humans haven't, and neither have our roads.
- Speeding is as dangerous as drink driving.



Not all roads are created equal, and not all limits are right

- We need to drive at the right speed for the road and the conditions.
- Many of our roads are unforgiving and leave no room for error.
- Few pedestrians and cyclists can survive collisions at posted speeds of 50 km/h.
- Many modern roads are built with safety features to prevent serious crashes from happening.
- Not all risks are visible and often the roads aren't easy to read.



Speed is one risk that good drivers can minimise

- People make mistakes and when there's a crash, vehicle speed determines the severity of injury.
- To reduce risk we can remove obstacles or put in barriers and sometimes we also need to lower speeds.
- To keep people safe we all work together to improve roads, set the right limits and enforce those limits.
- Driving faster doesn't save you much time, but speed affects the outcome of every crash.