

Traffic Safety News – Speed Thrills But It Also Kills

You would never get into a roller coaster without putting on a seat belt, so why would you get into a car without wearing one? OHS wants to remind everyone that *speed thrills but it also kills*.

What you need to know

Did you know that a crash at just 40 mph has the same impact as falling from a six-story building? Here are some facts that you need to know:

- 124 people lost their lives on Delaware roadways in 2014.
- Speed was the primary contributing factor in almost 40% of these fatal car crashes.
- Most speed related crashes occurred on roads that had a 50 mph speed limit.

What you can do

Speed and curves are a thrilling combination on a roller coaster. But in a car, they are a deadly combination, especially if you're not wearing a seat belt. To keep yourself and the other passengers in your vehicle safe, take the following safety precautions:

- **Buckle up.** Just like when you board a roller coaster, it doesn't matter if you are in the front seat or the back seat, everyone should be buckled safely before the vehicle moves.
- **Be alert.** A roller coaster is designed to travel safely on a carefully engineered track. Motor vehicles are controlled by the operator who must watch for signs and then obey those signs.

Speeding greatly reduces the driver's ability to slow a vehicle when necessary or to steer safely around an unexpected curve, another vehicle or hazardous object in the roadway. There is a reason for posted speed limits. They are designed to protect everyone: drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.

And if you need another caution sign, Delaware law enforcement officers are on the lookout to slow down speeding drivers and ensure all motorists are buckled up. Don't take the risk. Speed thrills but it also kills.

Slow Down. Buckle Up. Arrive Alive DE.