

SPEED LIMITS ARE NOT AN ENTITLEMENT TO DRIVE AT THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit signs say 35 mph. What does that really mean for drivers? As a driver are you entitled to travel at 35 mph? Not always! Sound judgment should come into play, not the gas pedal!

Drivers need to be aware of road conditions and other motorists on the road, especially when approaching intersections. Frequently, distracted drivers may slow down instead of stopping at an intersection or they may disregard or not notice a stop sign and enter the roadway without looking. The law requires drivers (even motorists driving at the speed limit) to be prepared to slow down or stop. Title 39, the NJ Statute that regulates motor vehicle driving requires drivers to drive at an appropriate REDUCED speed when approaching an intersection and ten (10) other situations.

Wyckoff Police Chief Benjamin Fox reminds motorists that the NJ State Law NJSA 39:4-98 requires every motorist to drive at an appropriate **reduced speed when:**

- Approaching or crossing an intersection
- Approaching a railway grade crossing
- Approaching a curve
- Approaching a hill crest
- Traveling on any narrow or winding roadway
- Driving on snow, ice or wet pavement
- Nearing pedestrians or bicyclists
- Approaching traffic or any other hazardous conditions

It is also a good idea to reduce your speed in rainy weather or when the roads are snowy or icy. Remember, during the winter, it is especially important to watch for black ice.

Remember, common sense, sound judgment and awareness of our surroundings are some of the most important tools we bring with us when driving!