

# TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

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## UNLAWFUL SPEED COACHING TOPIC

### The Issue

Speeding is usually the result of poor planning due to running late, not allowing enough time between locations, attitudes, etc.

Before beginning your trip, analyze what issues are likely to effect your time. How about poor weather conditions? Is heavy traffic anticipated? How much time will be needed at each stop? Am I going to have to drive faster than normal (speed) to get this trip accomplished? Then maybe I need to plan to leave earlier and allow more time so that I won't have to travel at an unlawful speed.

### Our Concern

Your safety is of the utmost importance to your company. They need and want you to be a safe driver. Why? Because you are an asset. You perform a job skill they need. *You are important! Your personal health and safety is important!* If you don't do your job safely, freight may not get delivered, materials and equipment can be damaged. Others, including your loved ones can be affected by your actions.

So what about speed? Speed limits are established to help reduce the risk of injury and damage to you and your vehicle. Usually, speed limits are reduced in high-risk areas such as heavily populated subdivisions, industrial areas, school zones, areas with restaurants and malls, and heavy pedestrian traffic areas. You need to understand that the limits are set for a reason...your and other people's safety.

It is a fact that the higher the speed, the greater the injuries and damage to property should a collision occur.

### A Solution

As stated earlier, there are several things you can do to help stop the need for speeding. They are:

- Plan ahead.
- Allow for more time on your trip.
- Slow down, relax and enjoy your activities.
- Reduce your speed whenever weather conditions...rain, sleet, ice, snow, or fog dictate.
- Take control of your attitude...yourself...and your vehicle.