National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

55 MPH National Speed Limit

The nation's traffic toll of vehicle accidents and fatalities has been substantially reduced since the implementation of the national 55 miles per hour speed limit.

The National Safety Council supports continuation of the maximum 55 mph speed limit, urges all drivers to comply fully with the law, and offers its full support to public officials in their efforts to generate observance of the limit.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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