

# Get Ready for 20mph



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From **17 September 2023**,  
most 30mph speed limits across  
Wales will change to 20mph.

At 20mph it's safer for everyone where we live,  
work and play. Let's look out for each other.

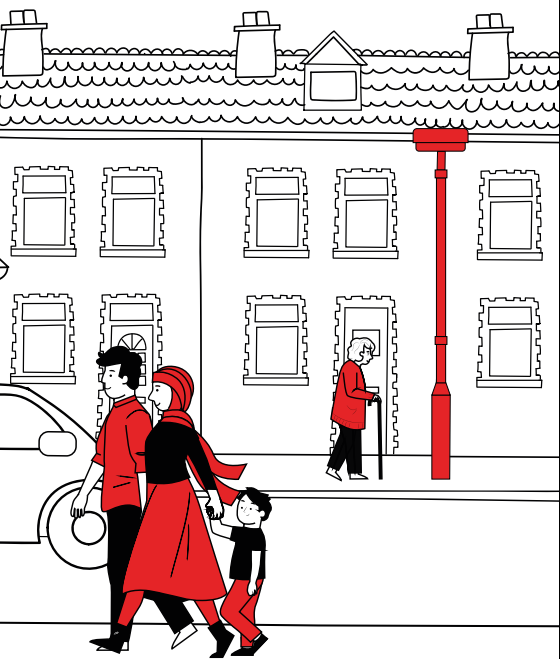


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# It's safer at 20mph

In the distance you can stop a car travelling at 20mph, a 30mph car would still be doing 24mph. And when someone is hit at 30mph, they are around five times more likely to be killed than when hit at 20mph.



A public health study estimates that the move to 20mph speed limits will result, every year in Wales, in:

- 40% fewer collisions
- 6 to 10 lives saved
- 1,200 to 2,000 people avoiding injury.<sup>1</sup>

Most journeys will be around one minute longer,<sup>2</sup> whilst overall we can expect that:

- our streets and communities will be safer
  - with fewer collisions, injuries, and deaths (all of which will reduce the impact on emergency services and the NHS)
- more of us - at all ages
  - will feel safer to walk, cycle and wheel in our communities
- our health and well-being will be improved, now and for future generations.

1) Jones, S., Brunt, H, "Twenty miles per hour speed limits: a sustainable solution to public health problems in Wales", Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, (2017)

2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Wales) Order 2022

# See streetlights? Think 20mph

When you see streetlights, assume that the speed limit is 20mph, unless you see signs that say otherwise.

Most affected streets are in residential or built-up areas where people and vehicles mix.

GoSafe, Police and partners will continue to educate and engage with our communities, and enforce 20mph speed limits, to make roads safer for all of us.

**Remember:  
See streetlights,  
think 20mph.**

# 20mph. A bit slower, but a whole lot better.

Most people in Wales (63%) support a lower speed limit where they live.<sup>3</sup>

Help create safer streets and healthier communities: drive at 20mph or below, as a default on streets where people live, work and play.

You can find more information about 20mph at

[gov.wales/readyfor20](https://gov.wales/readyfor20)

To check your local streets, visit [datamap.gov.wales](https://datamap.gov.wales) (type '20mph' in the search bar), or visit your local council website.

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<sup>3</sup> Beaufort Research, "Welsh Government - Public Attitudes to 20mph", (2022)