

Spring 2006 Road Rules

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.

Section 3365 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code prescribes special speed limitations for bridges and elevated structures, school zones, hazardous grades, and active work zones.

Bridges and elevated structures may have lower maximum structural speeds than adjacent roadways, so make sure to check for any changes to the speed limit when crossing a bridge.

School zones have set speed limits of 15 miles per hour. The following school speed zones are posted in West Goshen Township during school days:

- West Chester East High School and Fugett Middle School: Ellis Lane, 7:00-7:30 AM and 2:45-3:30 PM.
- Henderson High School: Montgomery Avenue, 7:10-8:10 AM and 2:10-3:10 PM.
- Pierce Middle School: Burke Road, 7:30-8:15 AM and 2:30-3:15 PM.
- Spellman Administration Building: 900 block of Paoli Pike, 9:15-9:45 AM and 2:30-2:50 PM.

Fern Hill and Glen Acres Elementary Schools have permanent speed limits of 15 miles per hour.

On hazardous grade roadways, vehicles in excess of determined safe weight limits may be required to proceed at a reduced speed, or to stop before proceeding downhill.

Active work zone speed limits supercede other existing speed limits on a roadway. When passing through an active work zone, no person may drive a vehicle at a speed greater than the posted work zone speed limit.

Violations to any of these speed limitations may result in fines and points assessed against the offender's driver's license. Excessive speeding in a school zone carries a minimum three point assessment against the offender's driver's license. The fine for driving ten miles per hour over the speed limit in a school zone is \$500, with increased fines for higher speeds.