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Change in the Legal Speed Limit on Local Roads

Starting September 1, 2026, the legal speed Limit on Local and Residential Roads will be officially lowered from 60 km/h to 30 km/h.

※"Local roads" refers to roads without center lines or narrow roads that are primarily used by local residents in their daily lives.

Roads below where the legal speed limit remains at 60 km/h

○ General roads provided with a center line or traffic lanes designated by road signs or road markings
○ General roads where traffic in both directions is separated by the road structure, fences, or other structures
○ Roads, within national expressways, other than the main lanes and the adjacent acceleration and deceleration lanes
○ Motor vehicle-only road

Important Notes

○ On roads where a maximum speed is specified by road signs or markings, that speed is the maximum speed limit.
○ Even within the specified speed range, drive at a safe speed after carefully considering road and traffic conditions, weather, visibility, and other factors.

For more details, please visit the Saitama Prefectural Police website.
Inquiry: Public Safety Section Ext. 334

Saitama Prefectural Police Website

NHK WORLD JAPAN

NHK WORLD JAPAN delivers news and programs in various languages, introducing multilingual services and contents (videos and articles) every month.

https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/multilingual_links/

Saitama Information & Support

048 - 833 - 3296
sodan@sia1.jp
Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.
Days: Monday to Friday
(Closed on national holidays and Dec.29 to Jan.3)

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Kumagaya International Friendship Association

Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese classes will now require you to book a seat in advance.
For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information
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City population (As of August 1st, 2026):
189,391
Foreign resident population: 6,538