



**SLOW**

# Is There a Way to Slow Down Traffic on My Street?

Safety comes first, especially in neighborhoods with kids playing and that are out and about. You want to keep the roadways as safe as possible for construction workers, but what about for your own street and for your own kids?

In history, streets were not just for the traffic to drive down. They were where community life began and ended each day. They were a place for economic activity, socializing and safety. This is the epicenter of community life. It was a place where you can find children playing, education happening, celebrations and cookouts taking place and even more exciting events for everyone to be a part of.

However, these functions and the main functionality of these streets was stripped away because of the traffic that comes from cars, and the poor signage that some people may not see.

Vehicular traffic, especially the high-speed type can quickly make any neighborhood feel vulnerable. It can have safety issues that are left unaddressed. Luckily, there are ways you can go about making your roadways and community safe again.

You can work with your local government, your community, your neighbors and anyone else that wants to make the area safer with these ideas. We've gathered some of the best and most effective measures other communities have taken to ease the traffic on their block.

## Stop Speeding Cars Through Your Community

There are a number of ways you can stop those speeding cars through your community. With these tips, you can bring everyone who lives in the area together to bring the best outcome from those who might be speeding down the streets.

### Speak Up!

Go to town meetings, speak with the city, let police and other authorities know about the speeding. Being able to let authorities know about the speeders is important. If they are not listening to you, then make sure to bring in your neighbors to make the same case. Once you speak up, this makes it official.

### Look for Initiatives...

that are currently ongoing. Ask around to the other neighbors, see what they think. Find out what they have already done, if anything. You want to get everyone together and see where you can all come together to make something happen.

## **Slow Everything Down Yourself.**

This is one of the best things to do. You can drive around your neighborhood, especially during the time that the speeding happens. Drive slower than you want everyone to drive. Always drive that slow to show everyone they should do the same.

Additionally, you can also bring your family for walks and bike rides around the same roads. This will show others who are speeding that people use these roads often and it can be dangerous to recklessly drive fast.

## **Put Up Yard Signs.**

These signs can be custom-made to say SLOW DOWN or to tell people that this is a community, that KIDS ARE AT PLAY and anything else you want to say. Place them in your yards and invite your neighbors to do the same. This will help you show everyone that drives through that you mean business and it is serious.

## **Get the Local Government Involved**

The authorities are there to be an advocate and help. You want to reach out to them when you find that it is hard to slow down the moving traffic on your own or with your neighbors. You want to be polite and not try to push the subject but let them know just how important this matter is and what should be done about it.

## **Come at This Together as a Community.**

When everyone in the neighborhood comes together to speak up, it shows that many people feel that this is important to do. Even a single phone call that tells these officials about the issues you are faced with can make a huge difference. Get neighbors to make the same call and it becomes an issue that needs to be dealt with. Strength is better in numbers.

## **Take Pictures, Note Times.**

When you take pictures of the regularly speeding cars down the road and keep records of everything that is happening, you have something to show. This is always a good thing to have. You can show authorities the cars, what they are doing, how fast they are going, when and where it happened. Having this information makes things easier to control.

## **Ask About Putting Up Signs.**

Whether it is speed limits signs, children at play signs, or other signs; this is important to think about because you want to show these speeders that if they get pulled over on the road that there can be legal ramifications. Letting the city know that this is necessary can help to make a case and offer them a solution to do something.

# Block it Off!

## Block Party.

Take the time to come together and create a time to make a party of the area. Bring everyone together for a good time with a block party. This can cut off anyone from having to drive down the street too fast.

## Use Traffic Calming Measure.

This might be something that a lot of people don't know about. In addition to the signs, you can also use lights, traffic bumps, and other light ways to slow people down and get them to realize they are driving through the area too fast. Create street murals, show the people that people live in the area, including children who play in the roadways. Adding a little shared library is also an idea so that people are reminded that this is a residential area and they should slow down and make use of the speed limits.

## Go High-Tech.

Use speed radars that show visitors their speed limits or check out other ways to slow them down and show them they are going too fast. Boards might even do the trick. Of course, one lady slowed her traffic down using a hair dryer; that might even work for you. Who knows?

It is important to stay on top of everything and through the use of many different measures, using your voice, and getting the local officials involved might just help your case out. Using these tips and tricks can be useful. Of course, Eastern Metal Signs and Safety is always ready and willing to make those custom signs that tell drivers that this is a residential area with children and that they should slow down.