What is a "Residential street"?

A residential street refers to a narrow street without center line or median strip, primarily used for daily lives of local residents.







To All Drivers

The speed limit is set to ensure the traffic safety and the smoothness, and it leads to the safety of drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Even when driving within the speed limit, please keep in mind to drive at a safe speed, taking into account of road conditions and weather.

Please be especially careful on these roads.

- With many residential and commercial buildings
- School zone
- Poor visibility due to weather etc.
- With many curves

■National Police Agency Website

▼Regarding the reduction of speed limits on residential streets

https://www.npa.go.jp/bureau/traffic/seikatsudouro/seikatsudoro.html

For inquiries

■Website of all prefectural police departments in Japan

▼Scan this code for the links to each prefectural police headquarters website.

https://www.npa.go.jp/link/prefectural.html

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September 1, 2026
The Revised Road Traffic Act Enforcement

60 km/h → 30 km/h

The legal speed limit for vehicles on residential streets will be lowered.

National Police Agency / Prefectural Police

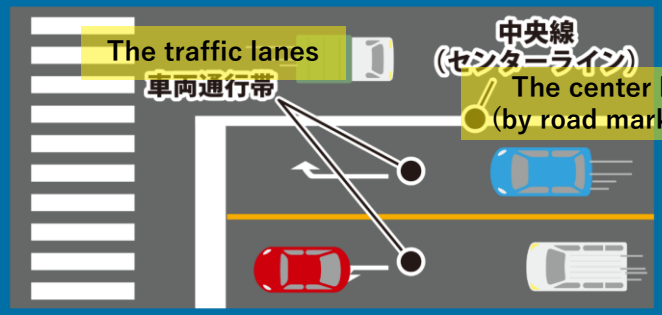
The legal speed limit for vehicles on the following roads remains at 60 km/h.

1

A general road with a center line or traffic lane specified by road signs or markings.







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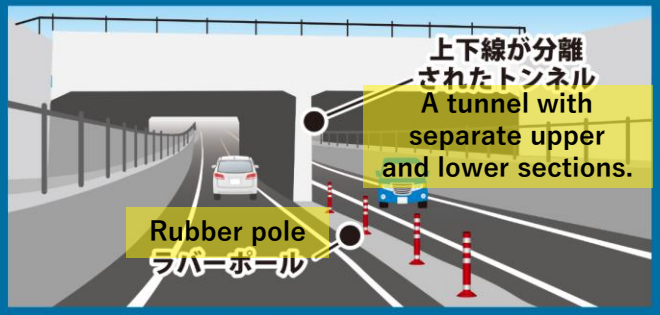
A general road where vehicle traffic is separated by directions, such as according to the road's structure, barriers or other objects.







3

Of the expressways, the roads except main carriageway and any acceleration and deceleration lanes adjacent to (for example, "ramps" that connect expressways to regular roads or tollgates are included).

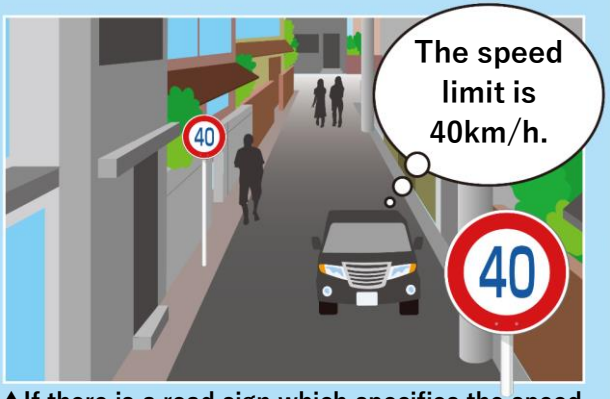
4

Motor-vehicle-only road

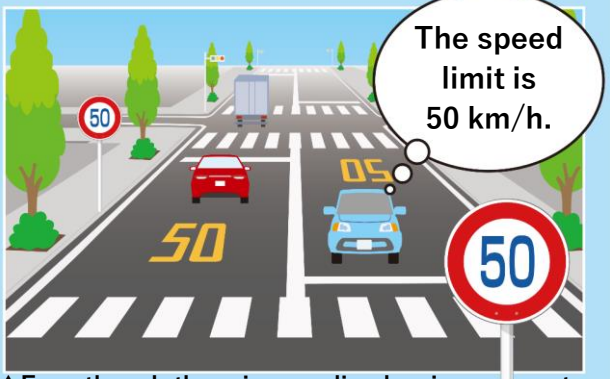


Same as the previous rules, if there is a speed limit specified by road signs, please follow it.

If road signs or markings specify the speed limit, that is the maximum speed limit.
For example, on a road without center line but with a road sign which specifies the speed limit at 40km/h, the speed limit is 40km/h, not 30km/h.



▲If there is a road sign which specifies the speed limit at 40 km/h on a road without a center line, the speed limit is 40 km/h.



▲Even though there is a median barrier or a center line, in case there is a road sign of speed limit at 50km/h, the speed limit remains at 50 km/h.