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NET RMA Safe Driving Scholarship

Driving safely is an important factor when behind the wheel. When a person receives a driver's license, he/she has a responsibility to make smart choices. One mistake behind the wheel can injure others, including yourself. The mistake can also turn fatal. Road signs like speed limits exist for a reason. It is to ensure the safety of ourselves and others around us.

In our school parking lot we have a speed limit of five. By setting this speed limit, it helps us to be cautious of the students who are walking to the school and their classes. One day I was getting ready to leave the school. I had my seatbelt on, my device put away, and I checked both sides to see if it was safe to proceed. When I knew that it was safe for me to drive, I slowly started to leave my parking spot and I heard a loud crash. My mind had not processed what happened until I got out of the car. My car's hood was partially smashed in and under a wheel. Due to speeding in the parking lot from another truck, my car was totaled. I remember at that moment being scared. Luckily my airbags did not go off in the car or I would have been severely injured due to my height. Everyone involved in the wreck was not injured at all and it was declared no fault at the scene.

Despite the wreck happening in the school parking lot, at least it did not happen on the actual road where it could have been worse. It is important to follow the laws of the road, specifically speed limits. The whole situation could have been avoided if the person driving the truck had driven the speed limit of five in the parking lot instead of speeding by. By driving over the speed limit, you are risking your life and those around you. It is not worth it to speed to get

somewhere quicker. It is important to follow the laws and ensure the safety of yourself and others.