



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period September 1-30, 2021

Drivers admit to using phones more during pandemic: ICBC

September 01, 2021, ICBC (RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

A new study has found that B.C. drivers are using their phone more while on the road during the pandemic, according to ICBC.

The Ipsos Reid survey, conducted for ICBC in May, found that while 93 per cent of drivers believe texting while driving is risky, 40 per cent admitted they still use their phones at least one out of every 10 trips.

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Cannabis Legalization Linked To Increase in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions

September 06, 2021, SciTechDaily (MONTREAL, QUEBEC)

Legalization of recreational cannabis may be associated with an increase in fatal motor vehicle collisions based on data from the United States, and authors discuss the implications for Canada in an analysis in CMAJ (Canadian Medical Association Journal).

“Analyses of data suggest that legalization of recreational cannabis in United States jurisdictions may be associated with a small but significant increase in fatal motor vehicle collisions and fatalities, which, if extrapolated to the Canadian context, could result in as many as 308 additional driving fatalities annually,” says Ms. Sarah Windle, Lady Davis Institute/McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, with coauthors.

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Partial road safety statistics 2021

September 16, 2021, SAAQ (QUEBEC)

The SAAQ is publishing statistics on road accident victims for part of 2021.

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Speeding offences top list in annual Halton Police road safety campaign

September 17, 2021, InHalton (HALTON, ONTARIO)

Heavy-footed drivers top the list in Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills when it comes to the most common traffic offences, revealed an annual road safety initiative by Halton Police.

Project Safe Start, featuring compiled statistics from the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) Traffic Services Unit, found speeding was the most common offence observed by local officers.

The campaign, which ran from Monday, August 30, 2021, to Friday September 10, 2021 this year, focused on education, awareness and high-visibility enforcement of traffic laws throughout Halton region.

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Speeding, the most common traffic offence in Oakville

September 21, 2021, Oakville News (OAKVILLE, ONTARIO)

This year, speeding remained the most common traffic offence observed during Project Safe Start road safety initiative in the Halton Region, including Oakville.

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) organizes Project Safe Start, a road safety campaign every year to focus on awareness, education and high-visibility enforcement of traffic laws in our region just as the children return to school after summer. According to the statistics obtained from this year's project that ran from Aug. 30 to Sept. 10, speeding was the most common offence observed by the HRPS officers.

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Enhanced Care customer savings better than projected

September 23, 2021, ICBC (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

The majority of customers renewing their personal auto insurance under ICBC's Enhanced Care model are saving more than the average of \$400 or 20 per cent originally projected when the new system was first announced in February 2020.

ICBC customers renewed more than 1.3 million personal insurance policies under Enhanced Care between May 1 and August 31, 2021, saving an average of \$496 or about 28 per cent compared to last year's premiums.

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October is Pedestrian Safety Month: Let's Work Together to Keep Everyone Safe on Mississauga Roads

September 28, 2021, City of Mississauga (MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO)

October is Pedestrian Safety Month in Mississauga. The City of Mississauga's Road Safety Committee is partnering with the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police to raise awareness about pedestrian safety. The risk for pedestrian collisions increases during the fall when daylight hours shorten.

This campaign will raise awareness of these safety concerns for all road users to help prevent the risk of collisions and keep all road users safe on Peel Region and Mississauga roads while implementing Vision Zero principles.

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Reduce speed on city streets? Not so fast, warn city staff

September 29, 2021, orillamatters.com (ORILLA, ONTARIO)

City staff are not recommending a blanket reduction in speed limits on local roads in Orillia.

A draft report that will be presented to council committee in November was shared with Orillia Police Services Board members Tuesday.

It was in response to [council's request in November 2020](#) that staff look into the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on all local roads to 40 km/h "to enhance pedestrian safety and encourage active transportation.

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Survey shows what BC drivers don't know - can hurt them

September 29, 2021, The Mirror (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

A survey conducted by Road Safety at Work shows many people who drive as part of their job have misconceptions about motor vehicle crashes - and their causes - on the province's roads.

“Learning the facts can help prevent injuries and even save their lives,” says Louise Yako, program director for Road Safety at Work.

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Canadian Events & Conferences in 2021

Parachute National Teen Driver Safety Week

October 17-23, 2021

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Pedestrian Safety Month

October 1-31, 2021

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November 17, 2021

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