



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

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20 pedestrians fatally struck in Montreal streets: SPVM 2022 annual report

January 18, 2023, Global News (MONTREAL, QUEBEC)

The Montreal police department (SPVM) says 28 fatal collisions on Montreal roads in 2022 claimed the lives of 29 people.

The majority of the deaths, according to the preliminary annual report, were the most vulnerable, with 20 pedestrian fatalities.

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Proposal to ban sledding at all but 2 Oshawa parks draws criticism

January 19, 2023, CBC News (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

A proposal to ban tobogganing at all but two municipal parks in a city east of Toronto is drawing criticism from lawyers who say the plan won't boost safety and could limit access to the popular winter pastime.

But the idea also appears to be in line with restrictions enacted by other Ontario municipalities, according to an injury prevention expert who notes that many city hills weren't designed for tobogganing.

Oshawa is weighing the tobogganing prohibition and has a report on the proposal set to go before city council at the end of this month.

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Washington bill would lower legal blood alcohol level limit

January 20, 2022, Toronto Star (WASHINGTON DC, USA)

A bill under consideration in Washington would make it the second state in the country to lower the legal limit for a driver's blood alcohol content from 0.08% to 0.05%.

State Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, is Senate Bill 5002's primary sponsor. The former state trooper and former Snohomish County sheriff said this week that of the more than 700 people killed on Washington roads last year, over half were DUI-related.

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Behind the statistics: Impaired driving a problem on local roads

January 30, 2022, bradfordtoday (Canada)

In 2019, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) put together a report outlining the rate of impaired driving in Canada. Per the report, every hour in Canada, an average of 10 federal criminal charges and provincial short-term licence suspensions are laid for alcohol or drug-impaired driving.

Also found in the report, 232 charges and short-term suspensions were laid for every 100,000 Canadians and an average of 238 charges and short-term suspensions were laid daily.

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