



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period March 1-31, 2023

## **SGI highlights impaired driving, legal blood alcohol content in traffic spotlight for March**

March 01, 2023, CTV News (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

Legal blood alcohol content (BAC) in the province will be the focus of Saskatchewan Government Insurance's (SGI) traffic safety spotlight in March. The leading cause of fatal collisions in Saskatchewan continues to be impaired driving, SGI said.

In Saskatchewan, penalties start at .04 BAC, criminal charges begin when there is a proven BAC of .08 or higher for experienced drivers.

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## **Alberta Transportation delays new rules on slowing to 60 km/h around roadside vehicles**

March 01, 2023, Global News (CALGARY, ALBERTA)

The Alberta government has stalled introducing new rules under Alberta's Traffic Safety Act that are meant to help protect more emergency and transportation workers.

Right now, only traffic in the adjacent lane has to slow to 60 km/h when passing stopped emergency vehicles with their lights flashing. It's called the "Slow Down Move Over" legislation.

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## Strathcona County Traffic Sign Guidelines

March 04, 2023, Strathcona County (STRATHCONA COUNTY, ALBERTA)

The Traffic Sign Guidelines are used when designing and installing traffic signs for Sherwood Park's roads. The document posted here is the most recent version of the Guidelines.

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## Manitoba government moves to enhance road safety, target unsafe commercial motor carriers

March 08, 2023, Government of Manitoba (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

The Manitoba government has introduced amendments to the Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Heavy Vehicle Safety), that would enhance road safety for all Manitobans by targeting unsafe commercial motor carriers while ensuring a level playing field for ethical operators with a strong culture of safety, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Pivniuk announced today.

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## Province proposes new traffic safety rules

March 08, 2023, Government of Manitoba (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

The province is seeking to toughen the rules for businesses who opt to change names instead of making safety improvements.

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## Daylight saving time can lead to fatigued drivers says Road Safety at Work BC

March 10, 2023, MerritT Herald (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

According to a B.C. based road safety program, the 'spring forward' time change can increase crash risk for drivers on roads across the province. Road Safety at Work (RSAW), a WorkSafeBC funded initiative managed by the Justice Institute of BC, is reminding Merritt drivers to be mindful of their 'body clocks' as their wall clocks move forward.

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## RCMP focus on seatbelts in March

March 10, 2023, Lakeland Today (LAKELAND, ALBERTA)

Alberta RCMP Traffic St. Paul/Vermilion would like to remind drivers that our traffic safety focus for the month of March is occupant restraints.

The Alberta RCMP wants to remind motorists that seatbelt safety saves lives. The proper use of a safety restraints significantly reduces the risk of serious injury and harm in the event of a motor vehicle collision.

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## Driver Technologies Research Finds Dash Cams Increase Driver Safety

March 15, 2023, Baystreet.ca (NEW YORK, US)

Driver Technologies, Inc., an AI-based mobility tech company that delivers a safer driving experience, today announced new research with data from over 17,000 drivers that shows using the Driver dash cam and safety app helped coach drivers to implement safe driving behaviors and stop dangerous habits such as tailgating, blowing stop signs, hard braking and speeding.

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## RWMB Imposing Daytime Load Limits on Winter Road

March 17, 2023, Mix 103-7 (FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALBERTA)

The RMWB is imposing daytime travel restrictions on the winter road to Fort Chipewyan.

Beginning at 10:00 PM on Friday, March 17, vehicles over 10,000 kilograms are prohibited from traveling the road between the hours of 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Vehicles over 10,000kg are still permitted to use the road for nighttime if they travel between 10:00 PM and 10:00 AM.

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## Canada's Worst Traffic Cities Were Ranked & Montreal Is (Shockingly) Not #1

March 19, 2023, MSN.com

Montrealers are all too familiar when it comes to traffic in the city. Toss in construction, potholes and the bravest of cyclists, and it's as if we practically invented rough road conditions. Well, turns out that when it comes to the worst traffic-ridden cities across Canada, Montreal is not No.1.

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## Wetaskiwin marks National Impaired Driving Prevention Week, March 19 to 25

March 20, 2023, pipestoneflyer.ca (WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA)

For years, impaired driving campaigns have focused vital attention on the tragic impacts of drinking and driving. But as Wetaskiwin marks National Impaired Driving Prevention Week, through March 25, it's a timely reminder that impairment can come from other factors, too.

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## Stiffer penalties proposed for extreme speeding

March 28, 2023, Government of New Brunswick (FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK)

The provincial government has proposed amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act* with the aim of improving road safety.

The proposed amendments include:

- increasing penalties for extreme speeding;
- requiring everyone whose driver's licence has been expired for five years or more to re-take the written and road test; and
- amending the definition of authorized emergency vehicle.

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## More than half of Canadians say that road safety should be among the top five priorities for government to address in their community

March 29, 2023, CISION (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

Since Parachute conducted a road safety survey in 2021, fewer Canadians (39 vs 46 per cent) believe our roads are safe, with 22 per cent - up seven per cent from 2021 - rating them "not safe." The remainder (39 per cent in each survey period) ranked our roads "somewhat safe," with 54 per cent ranking road safety as a top five priority to be addressed in their community.

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# Canadian Events & Conferences in 2023

## **CARSP's Winter Webinar Series**

January-April

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## **Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach – An Emerging Paradigm for Road Safety**

March 22, 2023

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## **Poison Prevention Week**

March 19-25, 2023

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## **Transportation Safety Webinars from the Ministry of Transportation**

February- April, 2023

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## **Students Against Impaired Driving (SAID) Day**

May 18, 2023

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## **Parachute safe kids week**

May 29 - June 4, 2023

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## **ITE Canada/CARSP 2023 Joint Conference**

June 4-7, 2023

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## **Dream the Impossible**

June 19-20, 2023

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## **Ontario Traffic Council Events**

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