



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period May 1-31, 2023

Distracted driving deaths in Ontario up 36% in two years: Report

May 02, 2023, The Sudbury Star (SUDBURY, ONTARIO)

The number of fatal accidents involving a distracted driver has jumped 36% in two years, according to a report.

Of the fatal collisions that happened in Ontario, 18% are caused by distracted driving – up 36% in two years, according to a report by HelloSafe, a platform that compares insurance and personal financial products.

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May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; keep safety top of mind as warm weather approaches

May 02, 2023, RCMP (ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR)

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and as riding season begins, RCMP NL reminds all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians that road safety is everyone's responsibility. Please be mindful of the increased presence of motorcycles on our roadways.

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Manitoba government proclaims May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May 03, 2023, Portage Online (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

With warmer spring temperatures around the corner, the provincial government wants to ensure the safety of motorcyclists as they return to the roads.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Pivniuk made the announcement on May 1st, reminding motorists to exercise safe driving and riding practices. He notes that all road users have the right to safely travel on Manitoba roadways.

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Life jackets on children is not the law in Ontario. That may be about to change

May 07, 2023, Toronto Star (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

It's a rule most people assume is already in place – but there is nothing requiring kids to wear a life-jacket while in a boat.

It's the case in all provinces, but proposed legislation in Ontario would change that – requiring life jackets for children 12 and under while out on the water and making it the first province to enact such a law.

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May is High Risk Driving month in BC

May 08, 2023, RCMP (VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

The month of May marks the beginning of increased traffic on British Columbia roadways and, with more road users, the potential for an increase in collisions. To save lives, May is identified as High Risk Driving month and police across BC are conducting enhanced enforcement to educate the driving public and target high risk driving behaviours.

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Forbes ranked Idahoans as some of the worst drivers in America. Here's where we stand

May 17, 2023, Yahoo News (IDAHO, UNITED STATES)

Driving in Idaho is a riskier endeavor than in most other states, a new report shows. In fact, according to a new report by Forbes Advisor, Idaho has the 16th-worst drivers in America.

Forbes Advisor compared all 50 states and Washington, D.C., across six key metrics. The analysis identifies which states have the worst drivers and provides insight into the types of dangerous driving behavior in each state. Here are some of the key metrics that earned Idaho its ranking.

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Texas is No. 1 on this Forbes list – but that's not a good thing

May 18, 2023, Yahoo News (TEXAS, UNITED STATES)

Texans finally had something they already knew confirmed: the Lone Star state is home to the worst drivers in America.

In an article analyzing the best car insurance companies, Forbes came to the conclusion that Texas tops the U.S. in bad drivers. The analysis even hints at the Red River rivalry with Oklahoma ranked below Texas.

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British road safety; a small improvement

May 26, 2023, World highways (GREAT BRITAIN)

The latest official figures for road safety in Great Britain show small but encouraging improvements over previous years. In 2022 there were 1,695 road fatalities from crashes, a drop of 3% from the figures for 2019. There was also a 3% drop in those killed or seriously injured (KSI) for 2022 compared with 2019, dropping to 29,795. And there were 136,002 casualties of all severities, a decline of 11% compared to 2019.

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