



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period November 1-30, 2023

## **Annoyance factors are leading contributors to fifty percent of road accidents in Quebec**

November 10 2023, Pembroktoday (QUEBEC)

Quebec has declared a concerted effort to take on reckless driving behaviours between now (November 10th), and next Thursday (November 16th).

the initiative involves all of the police services in the Province, as well as traffic controllers with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ).

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## **Alberta considering whether to end photo radar freeze**

November 10 2023, CBC News (EDMONTON, ALBERTA)

A four-year freeze on new photo radar is set to expire in a few weeks unless the provincial government decides to extend it again.

Since Dec.1, 2019, municipalities have not been able to install new photo radar equipment, upgrade existing photo radar, or add new photo radar locations.

The freeze has been extended several times and is set to expire on Dec. 1.

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## More cities may copy Montreal's ban of right turns on red, but safety data lacks

November 12 2023, Global News (MONTREAL, QUEBEC)

In an effort to prevent pedestrian and cyclist deaths, more North American cities are contemplating imitating Montreal by banning drivers from turning right on red lights.

But despite decades of debate, even traffic safety advocates who favour the ban say there's a lack of reliable data proving the measure improves safety.

Valerie Smith, the director of road safety and safe mobility programs at injury prevention group Parachute, said allowing drivers to turn right at red lights creates a "hostile environment" for pedestrians and cyclists, especially children, older seniors and people with mobility problems. She said it forces pedestrians to contend with distracted drivers and gauge whether an approaching driver will stop for them.

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## City of North Bay hosts Road Safety Strategy Open House

November 12 2023, CBC News (NORTH BAY, ONTARIO)

The City of North Bay (opens in a new tab) is organizing an open house to discuss street and sidewalk safety with residents next week.

The event will give citizens a chance to learn more about the city's road safety strategy project.

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## Tall trucks, SUVs are 45% deadlier to US pedestrians, study shows

November 13 2023, Yahoo Finance (UNITED STATES)

Trucks and sport utility vehicles with hood heights greater than 40 inches are about 45% more likely to cause fatalities in pedestrian crashes than shorter vehicles with sloped hoods, according to new research from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Prior studies have shown SUVs and pickups are linked to higher fatality risks in pedestrian crashes. But the new study focused on the risks posed by vehicles with hoods taller than 40 inches using data from nearly 18,000 crashes.

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## MyChoice Reveals the Top 10 Safest and Most Dangerous Cities for Driving in Ontario

November 22 2023, CISION (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

In mid 2023, the Ontario Provincial Police reported a 32% increase in fatal collisions, compared to the same time in 2022. According to MyChoice, a leading insurance comparison site, this statistic underscores the importance of understanding which areas in Ontario are safer for drivers. The company's latest study, drawing from data collected from over 100,000 quotes since 2020, including 2,274 accidents and 5,080 tickets, offers a revealing look at the safest and most dangerous cities for drivers across the province. The study employed a detailed methodology based on the weighted averages of accidents and infractions with a 70/30 importance ratio, creating a comprehensive scoring system from 0 to 5.

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## High behind the wheel: Survey shows ‘alarming trends’ in cannabis-impaired driving

November 30 2023, Global News (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

According to the new survey from CAA, conducted this year, about 750,000 Ontario drivers admitted to driving after having some form of cannabis in the past three months.

The results also showed that 38 per cent of people driving under the influence of cannabis in Ontario ate edibles before driving. That’s a 12 per cent increase from 2022, and more than double the 2019 rate.

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## Vast majority of drivers often see illegal phone use on the road, poll suggests

November 30 2023, Yahoo Finance (UNITED KINGDOM)

Sightings of handheld mobile phone use by drivers are common on UK roads despite Friday being the 20th anniversary of the practice being banned, a survey suggests.

Some 93% of respondents to a poll of more than 12,000 AA members said they often see other motorists using a phone at the wheel.

Eight per cent admitted to illegal phone use, rising to 14% for those aged 35-44.

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## Requests for proposals - CCMTA review of roadside survey methodologies

November 30 2023, CARSP (ONTARIO)

Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) has posted a request for proposals (RFP) on Review of Roadside Survey Methodologies. More details of the RFP can be found here: <https://www.ccmta.ca/en/requests-for-proposals>

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