



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

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Call for mandatory eye tests as number of drivers aged 90-plus doubles

January 1 2024, Yahoo News (Great Britain)

Driving licence-holding by people aged 90 or above has doubled in 10 years, sparking a call for mandatory eye tests to boost road safety.

A record 153,000 Britons in that age group held a full licence in November, PA news agency analysis of Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) figures has revealed.

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Provincial oversight of the towing industry now in effect in Ontario to enhance protection for motorists

January 2 2024, CISION (THORNHILL, ONTARIO)

The Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021 (TSSEA) came into effect in Ontario yesterday, giving consumers more certainty when it comes to towing services across the province.

Towing services were previously licenced at the municipal level, creating a confusing patchwork of rules and fees for consumers. Provincial oversight will help to ensure that the motoring public has a reliable, growing and reputable tow industry for years to come.

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Speeding in neighbourhoods a major concern, Canadians say

January 4 2024, CAA (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

Canadians are deeply alarmed about speeding in our neighbourhoods, even as a sizeable number admit to doing it themselves, according to polling released today by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA).

Nearly 9 in 10 Canadians (88 per cent) say they are deeply worried about speeding in residential areas, while 1 in 5 (22 per cent) admit to doing it at least sometimes, CAA's polling found. Meanwhile, speed-related collisions are on the rise, accounting for a quarter of fatal collisions in the last year for which federal government data is available.

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B.C. wants unified truck safety system after spate of overpass crashes reveals gaps

January 8 2024, CBC News (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

British Columbia's transport minister has written to his federal counterpart asking for the closure of road safety gaps he says allow some trucking companies to avoid consequences while operating unsafely across Canada.

Rob Fleming's letter on Monday to Pablo Rodriguez comes after a series of incidents involving commercial trucks or their cargo slamming into highway overpasses.

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Roundabout, special U-turn among options proposed for site of Manitoba highway crash that killed 17

January 8 2024, CBC News (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

Manitoba is overhauling a highway intersection where more than a dozen seniors on a bus trip to a casino were killed in a crash in June, in response to safety concerns identified after the deadly collision.

The province will do that through one of three options – a roundabout, a wider median or a setup that forces drivers to make a U-turn instead of turning left – identified in a new report released Monday on the safety of the intersection of Highway 5 and the Trans-Canada Highway near the southwestern town of Carberry, Man.

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Why Are American Drivers So Deadly? After decades of declining fatality rates, dangerous driving has surged again

January 10 2024, New York Times (NEW YORK, NEW YORK)

In the summer of 1999, a few years after graduating from medical school, Deborah Kuhls moved from New York to Maryland, where she had been accepted as a surgical fellow at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Founded by a pioneer in emergency medicine, Shock Trauma is one of the busiest critical-care facilities in the country – in an average year, doctors there see approximately 8,000 patients, many of them close to death.

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Study explores habits of drivers across Canada, including Lethbridge

January 12 2024, Lethbridge News Now (LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA)

New research from the International Drivers Association (IDA) has revealed information on the driving habits and styles of Canadian motorists.

Some might find themselves stressed when getting behind the wheel, but Julianna Marshall, a travel expert with the association said, “Driving doesn’t have to be a stress-inducing experience.”

The association said if the hustle and bustle of traffic brings on the nerves, you might want to consider a road trip to a city in Canada known for its calming driving environments.

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Options, opinions vary for future of Carberry crash site

January 15 2024, Winnipeg Free Press (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

There’s no one perfect solution to the problems at a deadly Manitoba highway intersection, road safety experts say.

However, in the wake of an independent consultant’s report on the junction of Highway 5 and the Trans-Canada, just north of Carberry, they agree any of the three recommended revamps would make the crossing safer – with caveats.

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More cyclists and pedestrians hurt in Toronto than police data captures, study suggests

January 15 2024, CBC News (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

Toronto police data only captures a portion of the cyclist and pedestrian injuries that happen in the city each year, according to a new study from York University researchers.

The peer-reviewed study, which was published in the journal Injury Prevention, has implications for both the health-care system and road safety planning, according to its authors.

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Instructors allege new drivers are looking to buy fake driving certifications

January 23 2024, CBC News (LONDON, ONTARIO)

Driving instructors around London are raising the alarm about fraudulent Ontario-approved certificates that lower insurance rates as new drivers look to buy them instead of completing the training.

Ontario's Beginner Driver Education (BDE) certification requires students to undergo a minimum of 40 hours of classroom and road training from a list of schools approved by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

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