



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period June 1-30, 2024

## **SGI announces over 300 drug or alcohol related suspensions in April**

June 1 2024, SwiftCurrentOnline

SGI released their April Traffic Safety Spotlight yesterday, highlighting 316 roadside suspensions for exceeding the provincial limit for alcohol or drugs.

Southwest motorists are being reminded that driving impaired or recklessly is not worth the risk, not only could it cause harm or injury, the legal repercussions can be hefty.

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## **New rules will protect vulnerable road users**

June 3 2024, BC Gov News

Starting Monday, June 3, 2024, drivers must keep new minimum distances from people walking and riding on roads in British Columbia.

New rules will protect vulnerable road users, requiring drivers to keep at least one metre away when passing.

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## **More than half of Manitobans think the roads are not safe - CAA survey**

June 6 2024, Q Country 91.5FM

A recent member survey conducted by CAA Manitoba (CAA MB) found that 43 per cent of cyclists who are members have been involved in a collision or a near-collision while riding their bike. The survey also found that 63 per cent of Manitobans think the roads are unsafe for all users.

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## **Dangerous vehicles taken off the road during safety checks**

June 6 2024, Calgary Journal

From semi-trucks with brake failure to your local pizza guy with an oil leak, commercial vehicle safety month aims to keep Calgary streets safe.

June marks Commercial Vehicle Safety Month in the Alberta traffic safety calendar. The Calgary Police Service (CPS) conducts a joint safety check twice a year in collaboration with Alberta Transportation, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), and the Alberta Sheriffs.

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## Watch out for road workers as Quebec safety awareness week begins

June 10 2024, CTV News

Quebec is launching a campaign and a week dedicated to road worker safety, in light of the 822 roadwork incidents on Quebec construction sites last year.

Transport Minister Geneviève Guilbault made the announcement in Montreal on Monday, in front of traffic controllers, traffic wardens, construction workers and Sûreté du Québec representatives, among others.

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## Chrysler recalls more than 211,000 SUVs and pickup trucks due to software malfunction

June 10 2024, Yahoo Finance Canada

Stellantis-owned Chrysler is recalling more than 211,000 SUVs and pickup trucks in the U.S., due to a software malfunction that could disable the cars' electronic stability control systems.

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## Road safety record improved in Quebec in 2023 -- but not for young people

June 11 2024, CTV News Montreal

While the overall toll of road deaths and injuries in Quebec improved in 2023, that wasn't the case for young people aged 15 to 24.

And since the start of 2024, the road incident toll has worsened again.

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## Most drivers in US support anti-speeding technology in vehicles, survey shows

June 12 2024, Yahoo Finance Canada

More than 60% of the drivers in the United States would find it acceptable if their vehicle provided an audible and visual warning when they exceeded the posted speed limit, a survey by Insurance Institute for Highway Safety showed on Wednesday.

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## Achieving Vision Zero in Urban and Rural Environments: conference

June 12 2024, Hans on the Bike

Next week, Canadian road safety experts are getting together for their annual national conference with the theme: Safe Mobility: Achieving Vision Zero in Urban and Rural Environments. This year it is held in Ottawa, for the first time since 2015. The conference is organised annually by the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals, or CARSP. This year CARSP organises the conference together with Parachute Canada.

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## ICBC and police team up to address impaired driving in BC this summer

June 14 2024, Castanet

In partnership with police, ICBC is launching a campaign to address an increase in impaired related crashes.

Every year over the summer months, impaired driving-related crashes where someone is either injured or killed increases by 27 per cent in B.C.

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## Share the Road: RNC Offers Safe Cycling Practices

June 17 2024, NTV

With warmer weather enticing more people outdoors, the RNC is reminding the public of the importance of bicycle safety.

With increased road traffic, the RNC is encouraging all road users to remain vigilant and share the roads. Motorists are reminded that one metre of space is required between the vehicle and bicycle or pedestrian on highways with posted speed limits of 60 kilometres per hour or less.

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## Monthly Road Report for May highlights enhanced enforcement and joint operations

June 18 2024, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Richmond RCMP continues its dedicated efforts to enhance road safety and reduce traffic violations in our community. This May, officers issued a total of 914 traffic tickets, including 835 violation tickets under the Motor Vehicle Act. Our proactive enforcement and educational outreach are crucial in promoting safe driving habits and protecting all road users.

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## Release of 10-Year Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Report & Response

June 18 2024, Ottawa Police Service

The 10-Year Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Program (TSRDCP) Report prepared by the York/Ontario Tech Research Team is now available on the Agenda of the Ottawa Police Service Board's (OPSB) meeting on June 24th, 2024.

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## New funding will improve access to active transportation

June 18 2024, BC Gov News

More people will soon be able to leave their cars behind and choose active ways to get around efficiently and affordably across communities in British Columbia.

Communities in the south coast, southern Interior and northern regions are receiving provincial investments in active transportation that will make a difference in the way people travel.

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## ICBC and police launch campaign to address increase in impaired related crashes

June 19 2024, Prince George Daily News

Over the summer months every year, impaired driving-related crashes where someone is injured or killed increase by 27% in B.C.\* The largest increase occurs in northern B.C. (up 63%) followed by the Southern Interior (up 53%), Vancouver Island (up 21%) and Lower Mainland (up 11%).

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## Self-driving cars are generally safer than human-driven ones, research shows

June 20 2024, Yahoo News

Self-driving cars are generally safer than those that are driven by humans, according to a new study.

Researchers from the University of Central Florida in the US analysed crash data from 2,100 autonomous vehicles and 35,113 human-driven vehicles in California from 2016 to 2022, where autonomous cars on the roads are common.

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## **Council considers \$4.47M for road safety improvements, new sidewalks**

June 21 2024, City of Surrey

At next Monday's Regular Council Meeting (June 24), Surrey City Council will consider \$4.47M in contracts for a variety of road improvement projects throughout the city.

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## **Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG) recruiting community representative for 2024**

June 24 2024, City of Saskatoon

The City of Saskatoon is looking for a community member to join the Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG). This group provides valuable input on policies, programs and initiatives to enhance cycling, walking and other active transportation options in our community.

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## **Cannabis edges out alcohol as most common impaired driving substance: Study**

June 25 2024, Barrie Today

A six-year analysis of more than 10,000 Canadian drivers involved in motor vehicle collisions suggests cannabis has edged out alcohol as the most common impairing substance detected through after-crash blood testing.

The National Drug Driving Study 2024, produced by the University of British Columbia, says researchers analyzed blood samples from drivers in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador between 2018 and 2023.

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## **Motointegrator Announces the Results of a Recent Study on Road Safety in Europe**

June 25 2024, Northern News

Motointegrator, a leading expert in automotive spare parts and accessories, has unveiled the results of a comprehensive study on road safety trends across Europe. Conducted in collaboration with data research firm DataPulse, the study analyzes shifting traffic safety patterns and identifies key trends in road fatalities post-pandemic.

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## ICBC survey reveals top maneuvers B.C. drivers find challenging

June 25 2024, AM1150

head of the busy summer driving season, we checked in with B.C. drivers to gauge their confidence when it comes to performing certain driving maneuvers when behind the wheel.

According to a new ICBC survey \* conducted by Ipsos, 59% of B.C. drivers surveyed said parallel parking was the most difficult maneuver to learn when they started to drive and even today, 41% of drivers say they avoid parallel parking when possible.

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## Impaired-driving enforcement ramping up for the summer

June 26 2024, Times Colonist

Vancouver Island will see the usual increase in impaired-driving enforcement through the summer, especially near areas with public events on the July and August long weekends, the B.C. Highway Patrol says.

ICBC said statistics show that impaired-driving crashes causing death or injury increase by 27 per cent in the province during the summer months, with a 21 per cent increase on Vancouver Island.

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## **A new CAA study reveals over half of Ontario drivers have witnessed a close-call collision or traffic violation caused by distracted driving**

June 27 2024, Canada Newswire

A new study conducted by CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) shows that over half of Ontario drivers (66 per cent) have witnessed a close-call collision or traffic violation caused by distracted driving.

For many Ontarians, those close calls are fueling safety concerns. Ninety-one per cent of drivers in the province feel somewhat or very concerned about distracted driving, a number that remains unchanged from 2023.

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## **Over half of Manitoba drivers have seen distracted driving violations - CAA study says**

June 27 2024, Q Country 91.5FM

A new study conducted by CAA Manitoba (CAA MB) shows that 59 per cent of Manitoba drivers have witnessed a close-call collision or distracted driving traffic violation.

For many Manitobans, these close calls are fueling safety concerns, as 89 per cent of drivers in the province feel somewhat or very concerned about distracted driving.

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September 22-25, 2024

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January 1- December 31, 2024

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