



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period August 1-31, 2024

A New CAA Survey Reveals More Than Half Of Ontario Motorists Engage In Dangerous Driving

August 1 2024, Muskoka 411

A recent study on dangerous driving conducted by CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) revealed that more than half of Ontario motorists, 55 per cent, admit to engaging in risky and unsafe driving behaviours in the past year. According to the survey, this number increases to 61 per cent amongst young drivers aged 18 to 34.

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Toronto raises fines for more than 100 parking violations to reduce congestion

August 1 2024, Kelowna Daily Courier

Fines for more than 100 parking offences in Toronto increased on Thursday, an initiative the city says is aimed at reducing congestion and promoting safer roads.

The city said it raised the fines for 123 offences to help curb illegal parking, stopping and standing.

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Recent surveys find more Canadian motorists are witnessing road rage

August 5 2024, CityNews Toronto

From swerving lanes, to tailgating and even flipping the bird, two recent surveys find that road rage appears to be on the rise right across the country.

“Canadians tend to have a tendency to get really angry on the road,” said Daniel Ivans, licensed broker and expert for rates.ca.

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Impaired driving has consequences

August 8 2024, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Every year, an average of 61 people are killed in BC where impairment by alcohol, drugs or medication was a contributing factor.

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OPP Urges Public to Treat Impaired Driving as the Serious Crime It Is

August 9 2024, NetNewsLedger

As summer brings more locals and visitors to the scenic roads, lakes, and cottage areas of Central Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is raising alarms about the rising number of impaired drivers endangering lives on our roads and waterways.

As of August 6, 2024, the Central Region OPP has laid 1,496 impaired-related charges, with the number continuing to climb as the warm weather draws more people outdoors.

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RCMP arrest an impaired driver nearly every day – and believe many more are on the road

August 9 2024, CBC

Newfoundland and Labrador RCMP have arrested an impaired driver almost every day for three years, according to their figures, but police say there are many more out there who don't get caught.

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Winnipeg sees increase in pedestrian, cyclist deaths in 2024

August 9 2024, CityNews Winnipeg

Winnipeg has already surpassed 2023 for the number of pedestrians and cyclists killed during motor vehicle collisions, with still four months remaining in the year.

According to Winnipeg Police, eight pedestrians and two cyclists have already been killed so far this year, an increase from five pedestrians and zero cyclists killed in all of 2023.

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Canadian drivers witness lots of road rage, but few say they're the ones doing it

August 12 2024, National Post

The numbers don't seem to add up. A survey of drivers by insurance site rates.ca found that many more drivers say they have witnessed road rage than admit to having participated in it themselves.

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Overall traffic speeds trending down on Ottawa streets with photo radar, data suggest

August 13 2024, CTV News Ottawa

Data from the City of Ottawa indicate that photo radar cameras are influencing the habits of drivers in the capital.

Every month, thousands of tickets are issued to speeding drivers in areas where automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras are installed. There are 40 cameras in operation right now, with plans for 20 more, and city staff say they appear to be making a difference.

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Transport, health and inequality. An overview of current evidence

August 13 2024, Journal of Transport & Health

The editorial to this special issue summarises the history of the three Health on the Move reports, published in 1991 by the UK Public Health Alliance, in 2011 by the Transport and Study Group and in 2024, written by the Transport and Health Science Group. The benefits of travel are the 3 As: Access, Activity, and Attractive Environments. We summarise the adverse effects as the 8 Cs: Cacophony, Carbon emissions, Community severance, Congestion, Concern, Contamination, Couch potatoes, and Crashes/casualties.

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Ford, Mazda warn ‘do not drive’ these vehicles after exploding airbag recalls

August 14 2024, Global News

Automakers Ford and Mazda are warning more than 200,000 Canadian owners to stop driving their vehicles because of faulty airbags that could pose a “serious safety risk.”

The “do not drive” advisories issued Tuesday involve older Ford and Mazda vehicles that have been previously recalled and not yet repaired.

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US safety agency ends probe of Tesla suspension failures without seeking a recall

August 14 2024, CityNews Toronto

U.S. highway safety regulators have closed an investigation into complaints that suspension parts can fail on nearly 75,000 Tesla vehicles, and they won’t seek a recall.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents released Wednesday that it found 426 reports of failures on the Model S from 2015 through 2017 and the Model X from 2016 and 2017. One crash was reported with no injuries.

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Ford recalls about 85,000 Explorer SUVs over engine fire risk

August 16 2024, The Globe and Mail

Ford Motor is recalling about 85,000 Explorer SUVs equipped with the Police Interceptor Utility package over concerns of an engine fire, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on Friday.

In the event of a motor failure, oil and fuel may be released into the engine compartment and accumulate near ignition sources, possibly resulting in a fire, the regulator said.

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Transport Canada takes unprecedented action to keep boat passengers safe

August 21 2024, Canada Newswire

Today, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced that Transport Canada has taken unprecedented action to put an end to serious violations of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 concerning unlicensed passenger vessels. This action underscores Transport Canada's commitment to enforcing marine safety and protecting Canadians.

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John Ducker: Time to help kids stay safe around the roads

August 23 2024, Times Colonist

Summers around here go really fast. Too fast and, unfortunately, it's almost time to return to the school routine. So, it's probably time to talk about keeping kids safe around our roads as the fall is nearly upon us.

Across North America, car crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages five to 29. In Canada in 2019, there were 1,457 child pedestrian and bicycle injuries and 20 fatalities.

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DriveSmartBC: A Different Approach to School Zone Safety

August 25 2024, Castlegar Source

Two years ago, I wrote about my experience that a significant part of the safety problem in a school zone was caused by teachers and parents themselves. Their driving behaviour as they showed up to work or dropped off their children sometimes left a lot to be desired. Did they not realize that they were contributing to the problem?

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British Police Are Tackling Distracted Driving With AI

August 28 2024, Canada Moto Guide

Ask a rider what the biggest danger they face on the road is, and these days, you'll usually hear complaints of other motorists on their cellphones. Distracted drivers are everywhere, and there don't seem to be enough police to deal with them—so they're trying a different idea in the U.K.

Instead of adding more patrol cars, Cornwall and Devon Police are instead installing moveable camera systems that use AI to determine where to hand out tickets—sort of.

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Back-to-School Alert: CAA Urges Drivers to Stay Vigilant in School Zones as Student Traffic Increases

August 29 2024, Canada Newswire

As the new school year kicks off, CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) is reminding motorists to remain attentive when driving through school zones as more children are present in these areas. A recent survey conducted by CAA SCO found that 60 per cent of parents surveyed are concerned about the driving behaviours witnessed in their child's school zone and consider their child's school zone unsafe - a five per cent increase from last year.

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B.C. substantially increases dangerous driving impound fees

August 29 2024, BC Gov News

Following two summers marked by a surge in highway fatalities, the B.C. government is taking action to make roads safer and place higher penalties on those who drive dangerously.

Effective Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, drivers engaging in reckless driving behaviour such as impaired driving, excessive speeding, street racing or driving without a license will face significantly higher fees for the towing and storage of their impounded vehicles.

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Canadian Events & Conferences in 2024

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September 20, 2024
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September 22-25, 2024
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October 8, 2024
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Annual Arrive Alive Conference
October 27-28, 2024
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