



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period November 1-30, 2024

Should I trust the automatic emergency braking on my new car?

November 3 2024, The Globe and Mail

While systems that are designed to hit the brakes if something - or someone - is in your car's path are getting better, don't count on them to keep you safe, full stop, a researcher said.

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Toronto police step up enforcement of e-scooter safety

November 5 2024, CBC

Toronto police say officers will be cracking down on dangerous drivers operating e-vehicles on city roads, as part of a two-week enforcement campaign by its traffic services unit.

In the last few years, there's been an increase in the number of "micromobility vehicles" on the road, police said in a Monday news release. Those electric vehicles include e-bikes, e-unicycles and e-hoverboards, as well as e-scooters, which are banned but increasingly popular in Toronto.

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RCMP crunch numbers for report showing most road deaths in P.E.I. are preventable

November 5 2024, CBC

The RCMP are using a new report into the causes of deaths on Prince Edward Island roads to better inform how they will conduct policing in the future.

The report looks at fatal crashes in the province in areas of RCMP jurisdiction from Jan. 1, 2019, to Oct. 31 this year, and comes after a recent cluster of road crash deaths. Its statistics do not include Charlottetown, Summerside or Kensington, which have their own police forces.

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Stay Safe on the Roads This Winter: Essential Winter Driving Tips

November 5 2024, Government of the Northwest Territories

As winter approaches, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) reminds all drivers to take extra precautions to ensure their safety on the roads. Winter driving requires special attention to vehicle preparation, awareness of road conditions, and readiness for emergencies.

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US agency says Tesla's public statements imply that its vehicles can drive themselves. They can't

November 8 2024, CityNews Toronto

The U.S. government's highway safety agency says Tesla is telling drivers in public statements that its vehicles can drive themselves, conflicting with owners manuals and briefings with the agency saying the electric vehicles need human supervision.

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Understanding that cannabis impairs driving increasing but Canadians still driving high

November 10 2024, CityNews Ottawa

One in four cannabis users say they have operated a vehicle while under the influence, according to research conducted by Public Safety Canada in 2022.

While the number has not increased – it is on par with years prior – driving under the influence remains a key concern for the Government of Canada and police forces across the country.

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'We want to end tragedies': NSLC, MADD Canada program teaches students dangers of impaired driving

November 13 2024, CTV News Atlantic

Students across Nova Scotia are being educated on the dangers of impaired driving.

MADD Canada and the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) are bringing a new school program to students over the next year.

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Insurance, safety drive Canadians to invest in winter tires - survey

November 13 2024, Insurance Business America

A new survey conducted by Leger and commissioned by the Tire and Rubber Association of Canada (TRAC) found that nearly three-quarters of Canadian motorists (73%) believe extreme winter weather, driven by climate change, has made winter tires more essential than ever.

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Waterloo Regional Police Launch 2024 Festive Ride Program

November 15 2024, Waterloo Regional Police

MADD Canada has unveiled its 2024-2025 school program, One Last Dance. The program, designed to educate youth on the grave consequences of impaired driving, will be delivered to students in Grades 7-12 across Manitoba.

Provincial sponsor Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is funding 118 presentations this year to emphasize the importance of reducing impaired driving among young people.

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DRPS Festive R.I.D.E. campaign launches

November 15 2024, Durham Radio News

The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) officially kicked off the 2024 Festive R.I.D.E (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign Friday at the DRPS Operations Training Centre in Whitby.

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How one wheelchair user feels about prospect of losing bike lanes

November 17 2024, CBC

Oda Al-Anizi had never been to a TFC game or frequented High Park because he dreaded how long it would take him to make the trip – until this year.

Al-Anizi, who works for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, outfitted his wheelchair with a special attachment that transformed his wheelchair into a bike. This allowed him to navigate the city as a cyclist, and he says it's been a game changer.

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The Relationship Between Speed And Crashes: Why Slowing Down Saves Lives

November 18 2024, Mondaq

In transportation safety, one of the most important and well-studied topics is the impact of speed on crash frequency and severity. According to a comprehensive report from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), "The Relation Between Speed and Crashes," there is a clear, direct link between vehicle speed and the likelihood and severity of crashes. This report highlights why managing speed limits and encouraging safe driving speeds are vital for improving road safety.

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US to add features such as blind spot warnings and pedestrian detection to vehicle crash ratings

November 18 2024, Times Colonist

The U.S. government's automobile safety ratings will get a major update starting with the 2026 model year when regulators add new driver-assistance technologies and tests for protecting pedestrians.

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AI cameras catch drivers on phone or without belts

November 19 2024, Yahoo News

Thousands of motorists have been caught using their phone and not wearing seat belts after the launch of a new state-of-the-art AI camera system.

More than 3,200 people were captured using their mobiles while driving or not wearing seat belts over a five-week period in Greater Manchester.

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Canada's 10 Most Stolen Cars Last Year

November 19 2024, Driving.ca

Canada's most stolen vehicles list for 2023 has been released, including a breakdown by province. There are some notable shifts, none of which portend good things for those who own vehicles coveted by theft rings, nor for all of us who insure any vehicle.

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Crackdown on driving safety aims to 'do some good'

November 19 2024, Yahoo News

Road safety checks across Devon and Cornwall are being stepped up by police.

Devon and Cornwall Police said the move was part of a week-long push organised by the Vision Zero South West Road Safety Partnership.

The partnership, which involves emergency services and several other organisations, said it was aiming to reduce the number of deaths and serious accidents in the counties by half by the year 2030 and, eventually, down to zero.

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Monthly Road Report: Focus on pedestrian safety and enhanced enforcement actions

November 19 2024, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

October saw a focus on pedestrian safety, with 801 traffic tickets issued and enhanced enforcement in high-risk areas to protect all road users.

Richmond RCMP's Road Safety Unit (RSU) remains committed to enhancing road safety through targeted enforcement, education, and community engagement. October's report highlights a strong focus on pedestrian safety, as well as enforcement actions addressing high-risk driving behaviours.

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Canadians speeding in large numbers, CAA finds

November 20 2024, Canada Newswire

Nearly 70 per cent of Canadians admit to speeding in a residential area at least once in the last year, half say they regularly speed on the highway, and fully one in five drivers say they regularly drive well over the speed limit, according to new public opinion research from the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA).

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City of Toronto staff report aims to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety by adding side guards to City-owned heavy-duty vehicles

November 20 2024, City of Toronto

City of Toronto staff are recommending actions to improve pedestrian safety by adding side guards to City-owned heavy-duty vehicles. A staff report to the Infrastructure and Environment committee on November 27 recommends retrofitting the City's heavy-duty vehicles by 2026.

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Could truck side guards help save lives? Toronto considers retrofitting heavy duty vehicles

November 20 2024, CBC

Toronto is considering spending \$5.6 million to retrofit all city-owned heavy duty trucks with side guards to protect cyclists and pedestrians, Mayor Olivia Chow says.

City staff are recommending that Toronto retrofit all 500 of its heavy duty vehicles by 2026. The city has already installed side guards on 30 vehicles. Another 219 are estimated to be retrofitted with side guards in the next year.

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Deadly Drives: Hyundai Venue most dangerous vehicle in North America, says new iSeeCars study

November 21 2024, Collision Repair Magazine

According to a new study from iSeeCars, the fatal accident rate in the United States is now 2.8 per billion miles, and the Hyundai Venue is now the car with the highest fatal accident rate, while Tesla has the highest fatal accident rate of all brands.

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Ontario roads safest in Canada, total deaths climbing: study

November 26 2024, Driving.ca

If it feels like driving has gotten a bit more hair-raising lately, a study coordinated by the firm of Preszler Injury Lawyers will confirm your suspicions. Using data from Transport Canada and other sources, the study shows motor vehicle fatalities are on the rise in this country.

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How our public spaces can be safer and more welcoming for children

November 28 2024, Yahoo News

A Georgia mother was recently arrested for reckless endangerment after her 10-year-old son was seen walking outside alone. The warrant for her arrest claimed she “willingly and knowingly” endangered her son’s safety.

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Toronto could pass largest road safety budget in Vision Zero's history

November 30 2024, CBC

Toronto could hike spending on its road safety program by about 25 per cent later this month as it continues to grapple with dozens of deaths and hundreds of injuries each year on its streets.

City staff are asking councillors to approve the largest budget in the history of the Vision Zero strategy, created in 2016 to eliminate all road fatalities. Staff want spending to increase to \$99 million, up from nearly \$80 million this year, as they step up work to improve intersections, install more traffic calming measures and double the number of automated speed enforcement cameras.

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