



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period February 1-28, 2025

Should a convoy of cars push through a traffic circle while everyone else waits?

February 2 2025, The Globe and Mail

There's a circular logic to traffic circles, but plenty of drivers still get confused, experts say. Also known as roundabouts, they are circular intersections where drivers travel counterclockwise around a centre island.

They're common in many countries worldwide but relatively new to most Canadian cities, which is why many drivers here don't fully understand how they work, said Sean Shapiro, a road safety consultant and former Toronto traffic officer.

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Distracted driving to blame for 82 highway deaths in Ontario in 2024, OPP says

February 3 2025, CBC

Eighty-two people died on Ontario highways last year due to drivers who weren't paying attention behind the wheel, according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

The death toll is a 43 per cent increase from that of 2023, when there were 57 deaths due to distracted driving or driver inattention, and it is highest number in six years, the OPP says.

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Rage hard: Ontario's most dangerous cities for road rage

February 4 2025, Canadian underwriter

Auto insurance claims related to road rage in Ontario are up by 9.25% over the past five years, Canadian insurtech MyChoice reports.

Brampton tops the list of the Ontario cities reporting the most claims related to aggressive driving. The city had 6.05 road rage-related insurance claims per 100 auto insurance quotes (or 6.05%). North York (4.63%) and Scarborough (4.5%) rank second and third, respectively, on the list of road rage incidents in the province.

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Nearly 4,000 distracted drivers caught in Alberta last year

February 5 2025, rdnewsnow.com

Alberta RCMP are wanting to remind motorists of how important it is to be driving distraction-free.

They say while operating a motor vehicle on provincial roadways, one should always have complete attention on driving and be aware of surrounding motorists to reduce your risk of collision, especially during winter weather conditions.

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Bigger, heavier vehicles don't necessarily keep their occupants safer

February 7 2025, Driving.ca

A large vehicle offers more protection for its occupants than a small one does, but it turns out there's a limit to what it can do. The U.S. non-profit Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) has studied crash compatibility and found that there's a "clear ceiling" to how much safer a vehicle is based on its size.

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Calgary police blame drop in photo radar fines for \$28M revenue shortfall

February 7 2025, CBC

The Calgary Police Service's operating budget is facing a \$28-million revenue shortfall after a decrease in photo radar fines, according to its chief constable.

Following a series of changes to photo radar regulations at the provincial level – such as limiting where officers can deploy, mandating highly visible markings on enforcement vehicles – CPS Chief Mark Neufeld says automated enforcement ticket revenues have declined.

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P.E.I. school bus drivers' union welcomes federal mandate for safety cameras on new buses

February 9 2025, CBC

The union representing school bus drivers on P.E.I. is welcoming new federal regulations requiring new buses to be equipped with cameras that improve drivers' visibility of their surroundings.

Transport Canada is mandating perimeter visibility systems on new school buses as a safety measure, according to a news release.

The systems use multiple cameras mounted on the exterior of the bus that allow drivers to see if anyone is around the vehicle before it drives off.

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Car crash prevention tech improving, still can't 'see' motorcycles

February 12 2025, Driving.ca

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) says automakers have made big strides in front crash prevention over the past few years, with major improvements seen in automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems especially. Indeed, according to a recent IIHS study, fully 22 of the last 30 vehicles it tested received a Good or Acceptable rating, which requires systems be able to prevent or “substantially mitigate” crashes at higher speeds. In contrast, says the institute, in April of last year, only three out of 10 small SUVs tested made the grade.

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Major transportation upgrades ahead for Victoria's 'highest collision corridors'

February 15 2025, cheknews.ca

Major transportation upgrades are planned for sections in Victoria known as having some of “the highest collision corridors in the city,” said the city on Thursday.

The transportation upgrades are planned for sections along Cook and Blanshard Streets in the hopes of improving road safety.

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Fatal crashes increased by 50 percent in 2024: WRPS

February 19 2025, CTV News

New data from the Waterloo Regional Police Service shows fatal collisions increased by 50 percent in 2024 compared to the year before.

The latest statistics were revealed during a police board meeting on Wednesday.

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Careless driving charges can now be laid in parking lots

February 19 2025, BayToday.ca

Did you know that having an accident in a parking lot in Ontario may now lead to charges of careless driving?

In December 2024 Ontario amended the Highway Traffic Act, specifically the offense of careless driving. Previously, it was limited to vehicles on a highway or roadway but now includes parking lots.

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Off-road vehicles not safe for youngest Canadians, pediatric society says

February 24 2025, CBC

The Canadian Paediatric Society is calling for better regulation and safety measures to protect kids riding off-road vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles and side-by-sides.

The society said children and adolescents make up about a third of off-road vehicle deaths.

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Federal, provincial and territorial Transportation and Highway Safety Ministers take action on improving infrastructure and enhancing safety

February 24 2025, Nation Talk

Today, Canada's Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, and the Deputy Premier and Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility for Québec, Ms. Geneviève Guilbault, co-chaired the annual meeting of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety.

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Trucking industry, safety advocates, call for highway safety improvement

February 26 2025, Northern Ontario Business

Improving driver training and licensing for transport drivers, bettering roadside facilities across Northern Ontario, and upgrading the highways themselves are several ways the Ontario Trucking Association and transport industry safety advocates say can help reduce collisions on northern highways.

Highway safety across Northern Ontario has been raised several times as an issue during the ongoing Ontario election campaign.

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Halifax is finally able to think about non-car options

February 26 2025, thecoast.ca

Halifax's budget debates, specifically the Department of Public Works budget, is where hope for the future goes to die. Even though there are reasons for optimism, it's hard to maintain that optimism in the face of Halifax's dire affliction: This city is suffering from a severe case of the tragedy of the commons.

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Distracted driving named top risk factor for Canadian drivers - Desjardins survey

February 27 2025, Insurance Business

For the third consecutive year, distracted driving has been identified as the top risk factor for Canadian drivers, according to Desjardins Insurance's annual road safety survey.

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RCMP says distracted driving ‘at least as deadly’ as impaired driving ahead of enforcement blitz

February 27 2025, cheknews.ca

BC Highway Patrol is reminding drivers that distracted driving is one of the leading causes of fatal crashes in the province ahead of an enforcement campaign in March.

Throughout the month, Mounties with the BC Highway Patrol will be watching for distracted driving and people not wearing their seatbelts.

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Mississauga changes school zone speed limits and adds new Community Safety Zones

February 28 2025, mississauga.ca

Starting this spring, the City will be updating the signage for speed limits in school zones on both local and major roads. In October 2024, Mississauga City Council approved a report with amendments to change the regulatory posted speed limits in school zones to time-of-day speed limits.

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Transport Canada launches free driver distraction mitigation program for fleets

February 28 2025, trucknews.com

Transport Canada has introduced the Driver Distraction Mitigation Program for commercial vehicle drivers, providing motor carriers and drivers with tools and training to help reduce the risks associated with distracted driving.

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2 B.C. cities listed as most dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians

February 28 2025, globalnews.ca

New data collected by a B.C. law firm shows the province is a dangerous place for pedestrians and cyclists.

Preszler Law ranked cities and provinces across the country in terms of the number of incidents recorded from 2015 to Feb. 21, 2025.

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