



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period June 1-30, 2025

Is it safe to take a summer road trip on winter tires?

June 1 2025, The Globe and Mail

If you're thinking about taking a summer road trip on winter tires, tread on the side of caution, tire experts said. "Winter tires should be removed when winter is over," said Ryan Psczolkowski, tire program manager at Consumer Reports. "Braking, handling and steering will be hindered [on warmer dry and wet roads] and that's potentially a safety issue."

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OPP: No helmet, impairment linked with half of all off-road deaths

June 1 2025, sudbury.com

About half of the 34 people killed in off-road vehicle crashes last year in Ontario were either not wearing a helmet or were impaired by drugs or alcohol, Ontario Provincial Police said in a news release this week.

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Winnipeg launches first pedestrian scramble

June 2 2025, Winnipeg.ca

Pedestrians crossing King Street and Bannatyne Avenue will be the first to experience a scramble intersection in Winnipeg.

The scramble signal - which stops motor vehicles in all directions once per cycle to allow pedestrians to cross in all directions - will be activated this afternoon.

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Crash Count: B.C.'s most dangerous intersections announced

June 5 2025, Collision Repair Magazine

In the year ending June 30, 2024, there were 107,589 crashes at B.C. intersections, according to the province's public auto insurer. With an astounding 481 collisions, the on-off ramp for the Alex Fraser Bridge at Cliveden Avenue in Vancouver is the province's most dangerous intersection.

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Road lines fading faster after environmental rule, say local politicians - raising costs and safety concerns

June 7 2025, The Globe and Mail

Municipalities across the country say a government regulation that limits a group of chemicals used in painting road lines is hitting their budgets hard.

Without the chemicals, they say, road lines fade more quickly, putting drivers at risk and forcing municipalities to repaint them more often.

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The prisoner's dilemma of big cars

June 9 2025, The Globe and Mail

With vehicles getting bigger and more drivers opting for larger SUVs and pickup trucks, choosing a new car has turned into a prisoner's dilemma. As in this classic game theory problem that illustrates the conflict between individual and group self-interest, everyone is losing right now.

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Upcoming Road Diet on Station Street and City Road to Enhance Safety and Active Transportation in Saint John

June 10 2025, saintjohn.ca

In 2025, Station Street and City Road, stretching from Smythe Street to just east of the Stanley Street pedestrian bridge, will undergo a road diet, transforming the current four-lane roadway into a more efficient and accessible space for all users. This project will convert the existing four vehicle lanes into three, introducing dedicated bike lanes on both sides of the road alongside the curb.

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Ottawa sees drop in speeders caught by photo radar cameras in April

June 11 2025, CTV News

Motorists continued to slow down around photo radar cameras on Ottawa's roads this spring, as the number of tickets issued for speeding dropped for a third straight month.

Statistics from the City of Ottawa show 30,191 speeding tickets were issued through the automated speed enforcement camera program in April, down from 37,285 speed tickets issued in April 2024.

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Manitoba's stricter drunk driving law likely to result in about 4 lifetime suspensions a year on average

June 12 2025, CBC

A new Manitoba law aimed at punishing the drunk drivers who cause the most harm to human life will result in an average of nearly four additional people receiving lifetime licence bans every year, according to a CBC analysis of years' worth of data.

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Put the brakes on aggressive driving

June 16 2025, Ottawa.ca

Those few seconds possibly saved by speeding could have tragic consequences for you and other road users. Between 2019 and 2023, 61 per cent of fatal and major injury collisions involved high-risk driving behaviour.

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AI-powered study finds pedestrians, cyclists face daily danger at intersections, including in Ottawa

June 18 2025, CTV News

A new CAA study used cameras and artificial intelligence to monitor and analyze intersections, and found pedestrians and cyclists face “life-threatening” near-misses every day. According to CAA, this is the largest Canadian study of its kind, looking at 20 intersections in 20 cities across Canada.

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After deadly year on roads, Calgary explores using drones and VR for traffic safety

June 18 2025, CBC

After reporting an 11-year high for collision fatalities last year, Calgary is turning to new technology in an attempt to make its roads safer

Calgary is the first Canadian city to test drones and virtual reality to monitor traffic in real time. The city has purchased around seven drones to monitor traffic, and allow city staff to understand how crowd patterns are forming and whether officers are needed to control traffic.

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ICBC Is Ditching This Test So You Can Get Your License Quicker

June 20 2025, 604 NOW

Every person with that glowing green N on the back of their car knows the pains of getting your Class 7 license. Regardless, if you want to be a fully-fledged driver, you have to take your Class 5 test next. Although, it's a total toss-up whether you'll even be able to book your test, since ICBC themselves have acknowledged the backlog of drivers in the queue to book their exams.

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At least 141 people were hit getting on and off streetcars in last decade. The TTC is trying to change that

June 24 2025, CBC

More than 140 people were hit by vehicles while getting on or off a Toronto streetcar over the past decade, according to the city's transit agency, a figure it says is both alarming and likely underreported.

In response, the TTC is launching a new six-week campaign to remind drivers that passing open streetcar doors is not only dangerous, but illegal. The traffic violation can result in a fine of up to \$183.25 and three demerit points

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Traffic Safety Team cracks down on noisy vehicles this summer

June 24 2025, The City of Calgary Newsroom

The City of Calgary's Traffic Safety Team is stepping up enforcement this month to reduce vehicle noise and improve quality of life in neighbourhoods across the city. Drivers operating excessively loud or modified vehicles can expect increased monitoring and fines.

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Blind spots are getting worse as vehicles are redesigned: IIHS

June 26 2025, Driving.ca

Are you finding it tougher to see pedestrians and cyclists around you when you're driving? That could be related to the design of your vehicle according to a new study cited by the US Insurance Institute for highway safety (IIHS) that found blind spots on six top-selling vehicles are getting worse

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