



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period August 1-31, 2025

RESEARCH: Self-driving cars can reduce dangers of sun glare on highways

August 1 2025, Concordia University

A study led by Concordia researchers looks at how bright sunlight – known as sun glare – affects highway safety, and how self-driving cars might help reduce the risks.

Sun glare happens when the sun is low in the sky, such as during sunrise or sunset. It can shine directly into drivers' eyes, making it hard to see the road ahead, spot brake lights or stay in the correct lane. These conditions often lead to slower reaction times, traffic slowdowns and more rear-end collisions.

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When there's no sidewalk, should I walk facing traffic?

August 3 2025, The Globe and Mail

When there's no sidewalk, walking on the left is the right thing to do. It's not just a good idea - it's required by law everywhere in Canada. For instance, in Ontario, Section 179 of the Highway Traffic Act says pedestrians must walk facing oncoming traffic and stay as close to the left edge of the road as possible. If they don't, they could face a \$35 fine.

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August road safety: aggressive driving and distracted driving

August 5 2025, ottawa.ca

The City of Ottawa's Road Safety Action Plan uses a data driven approach to address the greatest causes of fatal or major injury collisions each month. Statistics collected show that aggressive driving and distracted driving result in more types of these collisions than any other factor during the month of August. In fact, these two high-risk driving behaviours are consistently the most significant causes of these serious collisions several months of the year.

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RCMP reports fatalities, injuries rising: Tips from SGI on rural road safety

August 6 2025, Discover Weyburn

Recent data shows a rise over the past decade in collisions resulting in serious injury. The RCMP responded to 77 fatal collisions in 2024, which resulted in 88 deaths, as well as 271 collisions involving serious injuries reported. This is the highest total in six years, and is up 43 per cent from 2023, when 321 people were seriously injured, also up 48 per cent from the previous year.

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Some Driver-Assistance Systems Encourage Bad Behaviour Behind the Wheel

August 8 2025, auto 123

It's obvious that all the driver-assistance systems present in our vehicles today help avoid many accidents and, by extension, save lives. It's also obvious that some ADAS aids can be annoying, even aggravating. Take for example those audible alerts when touching a line on the road. No really, please take them.

According to a recent study conducted by researchers from American universities, as well as institutions in Hong Kong, some systems encourage risky behaviours and even more dangerous driving.

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Sudbury speed cameras are having a lasting impact: city

August 11 2025, SOOTODAY.com

Motorists are altering their driving habits in favour of safety as a result of the city's collection of six automated speed enforcement cameras.

They are also slowing down outside of immediate proximity to the cameras and sustaining lower speeds even after the cameras have been removed.

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Capturing Concerns on Camera: AI system warns drowsy drivers

August 12 2025, collisionrepairmag.com

Transdev Voyago, a global public transport operator, is using an artificial intelligence system created by Genuine Tracking Solutions to identify dangerous driving behaviours, threats and concerns through live cameras and telematics.

According to the Ontario-based transportation company, since introducing the technology three years ago, there has been a 10 percent reduction in preventable collisions.

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Regional staff set to create list of intersections to consider bans on right turns at red lights

August 13 2025, City News

Staff at the Region of Waterloo could be looking into which intersections need extra attention to improve safety, identifying places where bans on turning right at red lights could be implemented.

Councillor Colleen James introduced a notice of motion at a Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee meeting on Tuesday that would look to direct staff to develop a report on which intersections could benefit from a ban on right turns when the light is red, or where an advanced pedestrian crossing signal could improve safety.

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Canada's New Driving Law 2025, \$1000 Distracted Driving Fines, Dash Cam Rules & Zero Tolerance Explained

August 16 2025, Josh Times News

Canadian drivers are about to enter a new era of road safety. Beginning August 1, 2025, sweeping changes to traffic regulations will take effect nationwide under what is being called the August Motorist Regulation. The goal is clear: crack down on distracted driving, impaired operation, reckless maneuvers, and road rage, while introducing modern technology requirements to strengthen accountability.

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Province launches campaign against reckless driving

August 20 2025, St.Albert Gazette

A provincial campaign will launch at the end of August to highlight the dangers of speeding, street racing and reckless driving.

The campaign follows the Government of Alberta's decision to ban photo radar sites on provincial highways and connectors, and making intersection safety devices red-light enforcement only as of April 1. As a result of the changes, St. Albert lost 78 photo radar sites and six intersection safety devices (ISDs), the city's policing services manager Aaron Giesbrecht told the Gazette earlier this year.

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Road Safety Market 2030: Future Scope, New Trends, Demand Opportunities, Growth, and Future Outlook

August 20 2025, The Globe and Mail

The road safety market is expected to expand at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.1% from 2025 to 2030, from an estimated USD 6.69 billion in 2025 to USD 12.39 billion by 2030. The road safety market is undergoing a revolution due to the increasing use of digital technology and advanced analytics.

The development of new road safety measures is the outcome of the adoption of digitalization and technologies like computer vision, IoT sensors, artificial intelligence, and computing technology.

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BCAA survey suggests high rates of speeding, distracted driving in school zones

August 22 2025, CBC

A new survey from BCAA says more than nine out of 10 respondents say they see drivers speeding around schools, and more than eight out of 10 say they've witnessed distracted driving. Haakon Koyote, a volunteer with road safety advocacy group Vision Zero Vancouver, joined CBC's The Early Edition program to share his thoughts.

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Toronto police target e-bike, e-scooter riders in 'needed' enforcement blitz

August 25 2025, CBC

Toronto police say they will be conducting an enforcement campaign aimed around safe operation of micromobility vehicles from Monday through Sept. 13.

The police service describes such vehicles as "small, compact, low-speed vehicles," including e-bikes, e-scooters and regular pedal-powered bicycles.

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Highway 402 safety initiative making an impact, Sarnia's mayor says

August 25 2025, theobserver.ca

A special OPP operation focused on improving traffic safety on Highway 402 near the Blue Water Bridge has made an impact, Sarnia's mayor says.

Lambton OPP Aug. 15 announced operation safe approach, in response to highway congestion, in part caused by ongoing Transportation Ministry construction on the highway overpass above Rapids Parkway.

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31% of drivers admit to speeding in school zones 'sometimes': ICBC

August 25 2025, Check News

ICBC is reminding drivers to help protect kids' safety on the roads after a survey found 31 per cent of drivers admitted to "sometimes" speeding in school zones, while four per cent said they "always" do.

School zone speed limits of 30 kilometres per hour are in effect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in areas around most schools, while some schools have playground zones, which are in effect from dawn to dusk.

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Safety concerns prompt more parents to drive kids to school, creating more traffic: CAA survey

August 27 2025, winnipegfreepress.com

A new study suggests more Manitoba parents are driving their children to school because of traffic safety concerns, in turn creating more congestion.

Ahead of back-to-school season, CAA Manitoba has released the results of a spring survey on school zones.

The results draw on the experiences of 516 parents and guardians who had children attending kindergarten to Grade 8 in 2024-2025.

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Kirkland adopts smart traffic system to ease congestion

August 31 2025, City News

Saint-Charles Boulevard is one of Kirkland's busiest arteries on Montreal's West Island.

Originally designed for 30,000 vehicles a day, it now sees around 42,000—operating 40 per cent over capacity according to the City of Kirkland.

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