



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period September 1-30, 2025

More speed cameras coming to Waterloo region school zones this fall

September 2 2025, CBC

After what was a successful implementation of the municipal speed camera program during the first half of the year, more speed cameras are coming to Waterloo region.

In a news release Tuesday afternoon, the Region of Waterloo released the municipal speed camera mid-year report, which outlines data on the effectiveness of the municipal speed camera program for the first six months.

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Crash Check: DEKRA report stresses need for stronger safety systems

September 3 2025, Collision Repair Magazine

The latest DEKRA Road Safety Report warns that much more must be done to reduce the global toll of road crashes.

The 2025 edition of the report, titled *The Changing Face of Mobility*, highlights dramatic progress in passive safety technology, braking systems and lighting. Modern vehicles protect drivers and passengers far more effectively than those produced even a few years earlier. Crash comparisons in the study show that occupants of older models face a clear survival disadvantage.

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P.E.I. still tops impaired driving rate among provinces despite small decline in 2024

September 7 2025, CBC

The rate of police-reported impaired driving incidents on P.E.I. fell slightly last year but remained the highest among all provinces, according to new data from Statistics Canada.

In 2024, P.E.I.'s rate was 489 incidents per 100,000 people, about three times the national average and 5.5 per cent lower than it was in 2023.

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U of T researcher seeks to reframe road safety as a public health issue

September 12 2025, University of Toronto News

When Brice Kuimi shares the focus of his work, he is often met with one question: “Road safety and public health - what’s the connection?”

An assistant professor and epidemiologist at the University of Toronto’s Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Kuimi studies the impact of vehicle collisions on our individual health and the broader health-care system.

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What autopilot means for insuring at-fault accidents

September 16 2025, Canadian Underwriter

How do insurers determine fault in accidents involving cars that rely at least in part on autopilot systems?

Answering that question is harder in the wake of a recent \$242.5 million civil verdict in Florida, which found an autopilot feature was partially responsible for a fatal 2019 collision involving a Tesla, says Adam Mitchell, CEO of Mitch Insurance.

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12 fatal train collisions at crossings in 2024 prompt railway safety warnings in Alberta

September 16 2025, Citynews Edmonton

Twelve people have died in collisions with freight trains at railway crossings across Alberta in 2024, according to Alberta RCMP.

As Railway Safety Week gets underway, authorities are urging the public to remain vigilant when approaching train tracks.

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OPP seeing significant increase in charges against novice drivers in Ottawa

September 19 2025, CTV News

Ontario Provincial Police say there has been a notable increase in the number of novice drivers facing charges in the Ottawa area this year.

According to the Ottawa OPP, there has been an 81 per cent jump in charges against novice drivers in the first eight months of 2025 compared with the same time last year.

“In 2024, Ottawa OPP laid 1305 POA charges against novice drivers, compared to 2376 charges laid in the same period in 2025,” police said in a news release on Friday.

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Motorists Urged to Use “Zipper Merge” to Improve Road Safety and Traffic Flow

September 23 2025, The City of Windsor

The City of Windsor is encouraging drivers to embrace the zipper merge technique as a proven way to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety during lane closures and construction zones.

The zipper merge – where drivers use both lanes fully until the merge point and then take turns merging – is often misunderstood. Many motorists believe merging early is courteous, but studies show that early merging can lead to longer backups, increased frustration, and higher risk of collisions.

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N.S. government abandons 2018 bill, tables fresh Traffic Safety Act

September 23 2025, CBC

Nova Scotia Public Works Minister Fred Tilley tabled one of the first bills of the fall sitting of the legislature, and it's a do-over of a bill that was passed seven years ago.

Tilley said the Traffic Safety Act passed by legislators in 2018 proved to be too difficult to proclaim into law, so his department is repealing it and starting anew.

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Ford government to table legislation banning speed cameras in Ontario

September 24 2025, Citynews Toronto

The Ford government has announced plans to introduce legislation this fall that will eliminate speed cameras in Ontario.

CityNews reported on the government's intentions on Wednesday. The decision comes after Ford spent weeks slamming the cameras at various news conferences.

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MADD Canada and KAG Canada Kick Off 2025-2026 National School Program in Edmonton, Empowering Youth to Drive Sober

September 24 2025, GlobeNewswire

MADD Canada is back on the roads across the country to educate young people about the dangers of impaired driving. The 2025-2026 National School Program officially launches today with a special screening at M.E. LaZerte High School in Edmonton.

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Ontario's speed camera ban sparks road safety and insurance concerns

September 26 2025, Insurance Business Magazine

Ontario's planned ban on automated speed cameras may reshape the province's road safety landscape and could carry knock-on effects for auto insurance.

Premier Doug Ford said Thursday his government will introduce legislation next month to outlaw the cameras, framing them as a “cash grab” for municipalities rather than a tool to slow drivers. The province will instead require alternate measures such as flashing speed signs in school zones and will encourage speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and roundabouts.

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Ottawa's speed camera plan in flux after province vows to prohibit them

September 26 2025, CBC

The City of Ottawa's plan to add two dozen more speed cameras this year is in question after the Ontario government pledged to prohibit the traffic-calming technology across the province.

On Thursday, Premier Doug Ford called speed cameras a "cash grab" and vowed to get rid of them, six years after the province agreed to allow them.

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