



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period April 1-30, 2026

Systems that let drivers take their hands off the wheel don't improve safety, NTSB head says

April 1, 2026, yahoo finance

The systems that allow drivers to take their hands off the wheel are convenient but don't improve safety because people are often too reliant on them and end up paying more attention to their cellphones and infotainment screens than to the road, the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

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Is jaywalking always illegal?

April 5, 2026, The Globe and Mail

Is it always illegal to jaywalk? There are times when there's no crosswalk in sight and I need to get across the street. In most provinces, jaywalking won't always land you on the wrong side of the law.

In Alberta, the law states that pedestrians crossing at any point other than within a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to vehicles on the roadway.

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Driverless cars could pose danger to runners, study finds

April 6, 2026, Running Magazine

Researchers used an outdoor augmented-reality (AR) setup to recreate a pedestrian crossing without putting people in real traffic. Twenty-four participants wore AR equipment and approached a virtual road as a simulated automatic vehicle (AV-the new accepted term for a driverless car) approached them.

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Transport Canada launches survey on glare from 'blinding' LED headlights

April 7, 2026, National Post

The federal agency acknowledged that while a driver's visibility can be improved by new light-emitting diode (LED) modules that cast beams wider than older headlight types, the new technology can impede the vision for everyone bathed in the light.

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AI infotainment systems: Just another distraction for drivers?

April 10, 2026, University of Windsor

Twenty years ago, the cockpit of the average car was a lot less complicated. Knobs and buttons turned on the heat and air conditioning, adjusted vents or changed the radio station.

Today, touch screens are the norm, and manufacturers compete to add the latest in technological advancements. The high-profile announcement of artificial intelligence (AI) applications such as ChatGPT and Gemini being added to vehicle infotainment systems is just the latest in this ongoing trend toward driver tech.

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Speeding surges at former camera sites, city data says

April 15, 2026, CBC

Speeding in school zones that used to host speed cameras has shot up since the cameras were turned off, according to new City of Ottawa data. The province's ban on the automated speed enforcement cameras went into effect in November, with Premier Doug Ford calling them a cash grab. Ottawa's cameras were placed largely in school zones and community safety zones, and the city has argued that they reduced speeding and kept vulnerable road users safer.

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Behind the Wheel: Inside Canada's Leading Driving Research Lab

April 20, 2026, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Impaired driving remains a significant public safety concern in Canada with an estimated one-third to half of all motor vehicle fatalities involving a driver who had consumed alcohol or drugs. Since the legalization of cannabis in Canada in 2018, impairment through cannabis consumption is an especially growing problem. To understand how substances affect driver behaviour, CAMH was one of the first Canadian institutions to acquire a high-fidelity driving simulator. Over the past 15 years, the Driving Simulation Laboratory has led numerous first-of-its-kind driving research studies to safely and precisely measure impairment.

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Road improvements to combat aggressive driving coming to Kitchener

April 20, 2026, City News

The City of Kitchener is set to discuss a number of road improvement projects that could improve safety by slowing traffic.

A report coming to the Planning and Strategic Initiatives Committee on Monday night details road work projects as part of the city's Vision Zero Annual Update.

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The risks and rewards of driving 120 km/h on Alberta's highways

April 22, 2026, CBC

Alberta's highways are designed for higher speeds, so the province is testing out 120 kilometres per hour on a stretch of Highway 2. CBC's Helen Pike talks to engineering experts to unpack how that could play out on the highway.

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Don't Pay Extra: These automotive safety features are mandatory in Canada

April 25, 2026, Driving.ca

We scoured Canada's Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations to find which automotive safety features are legally mandated in Canada.

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When should I signal in a roundabout?

April 27, 2026, The Globe and Mail

When are you supposed to signal in a roundabout? Most drivers don't signal at all, but those who do usually signal when they get into it.

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MPI launches new collision dashboard with real-time road safety data

April 30, 2026, PortageOnline.com

Manitobans will soon have an easier way to access up-to-date collision data.

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) has launched a new Manitoba Collision Dashboard to increase transparency around collision data. It provides at-a-glance access to key road safety information, including the number of fatalities and injuries reported on Manitoba's roadways.

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