



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period June 1-30, 2026

Toronto sees 28% jump in traffic fatalities in 2026 compared to last year: police data

June 2, 2026, CBC

Toronto has seen an increase in traffic fatalities so far this year with more pedestrian and motorcyclist deaths compared to last year, and police say the trend is concerning.

A crash between a car and a parked dump truck that left a 63-year-old man dead in Etobicoke on Monday evening brought the total number of fatal collisions in the city this year to 23, Toronto police say.

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Most drivers speeding at 8 former camera sites, city data shows

June 4, 2026, CBC

New City of Ottawa data shows that fewer than half of drivers are complying with posted speed limits at eight former speed camera sites. The city has kept collecting speed data at those locations even after the province forced it to turn off the cameras on Nov. 14.

Before that date, compliance with posted speed limits was above 85 per cent at all eight sites, but that dropped rapidly once the cameras were gone.

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Edmontonians feeling more unsafe on roads, new traffic safety report suggests

June 4, 2026, CBC

A new traffic report commissioned by the City of Edmonton says there is a perception among survey respondents that traffic safety has declined over the last five years, and that aggressive driving behaviour and societal stressors are to blame.

To put together the report, Narrative Research conducted focus groups and surveyed over 1,000 residents, who listed speeding, road rage, distracted driving, impaired driving and other risky driving behaviours as major concerns when they were on the roads.

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B.C. motorcyclist deaths up significantly this spring: coroner

June 8, 2026, CBC

A motorcycle instructor in B.C. is calling for riders to increase their safety awareness, as officials say motorcyclist deaths this spring are up significantly compared to last year.

The B.C. Coroners Service revealed on Thursday that there were 14 motorcyclist deaths across the province between March and May this year, compared to five in the same period last year. It comes a year after ICBC said motorcyclists were more than three times more likely to be injured or killed in crash compared to other drivers.

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Calgary councillor proposes \$6M for traffic safety improvements amid rising collisions

June 9, 2026, CTV News

A Calgary city councillor is proposing a \$6-million investment in traffic safety projects across the city as collisions, injuries and pedestrian deaths continue to rise.

Ward 8 Coun. Nathaniel Schmidt has introduced a notice of motion directing city administration to allocate up to \$6 million from Calgary's 2026 positive operating variance toward a traffic safety improvement pilot.

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Vancouver council backs away from reducing speed limits on major roads

June 11, 2026, CBC

A transportation safety advocate is critical of a recent Vancouver council motion, in which amendments by the majority ABC slate meant that the city will not be reducing speed limits on major roads in the near future.

As part of the city's "vision zero" plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2050, city staff had recommended a range of actions — including traffic calming and changing traffic signals to allow pedestrians and bikes to be more visible while crossing.

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Just the facts: Impaired driving

June 11, 2026, RCMP

Impaired driving remains one of the leading criminal causes of death and injury in Canada. Every day, hundreds of impaired driving incidents are reported across the country, with consequences that can be deadly. It is illegal to drive while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both. Alcohol and drug impaired-driving are treated equally under the law. Check out the latest facts and statistics for Canada below.

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Montreal road deaths down in 2025, but accidents and serious injuries up: SAAQ road report

June 16, 2026, City News

The number of deaths on Montreal's roads dropped last year compared to the previous five-year average, but the number of injuries went up.

That's according to the 2025 road report released Tuesday by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ). It shows 31 people died on Montreal's roads last year - down 7.7 per cent compared to the average from 2020 to 2024.

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AAA Study reveals how many drivers are hypocrites

June 19, 2026, Driving.ca

Automobile-related fatalities continue their steady decline in America, but as the American Automobile Association (AAA) contends, the 36,640 people (a decrease of 6.7%) who died on roads last year is still too many. And, according to the AAA, while cars are getting safer — both at increasing the survivability of a crash and avoiding one in the first place — drivers remain the weak link in the collisions statistics.

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Speed limit to increase to 110 km/h on some Ontario highways

June 24, 2026, CBC

Speed limits on several stretches of Ontario highways will be increasing to 110 km/h, according to Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria.

A total of 938 kilometres across the province will have the increase implemented, including the following: Sections of Highway 401 and 416 in eastern Ontario will see the increase take hold on Friday. Other parts of Highway 401, 402, 403, 416, 417 and Queen Elizabeth Way will change by Sept. 30.

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Why speed bumps won't solve speeding on major Toronto roads, according to experts

June 25, 2026, CP24

In most of Canada, when you cross that yellow solid double line, you've crossed the line. Every province except Ontario bans crossing the double line that separates traffic going in opposite directions on a highway.

In Ontario, there's no specific law against crossing that line into the oncoming lane, but you could face other charges if you do, said the Ontario Provincial Police.

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Trucks and SUVs are killing pedestrians, says study

June 25, 2026, Driving.ca

Earlier in 2026, a driver in British Columbia pleaded guilty after she struck and killed a pedestrian in a parking lot with her pickup truck. The truck was heavily modified with oversized tires, tinted windows, and what's commonly called a "Carolina Squat," where the front end is raised higher than the rear. Police said the changes "made the truck unsafe to operate" in a crowded parking area.

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