



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

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Pass a bus, lose your license

November 30, 2018, Government of PEI (CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI)

In order to better protect Island students, drivers who illegally pass a school bus will lose their licence.

As of December 8, 2018, failing to stop for a school bus when the red flashing lights are activated will lead to 12 demerit points, resulting in suspension of the licence for three months. This is in addition to the fine of up to \$5000.

“We all have a role to play in keeping children safe on their way to school. This change means that drivers who ignore this law are not allowed on Island roads,” said Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy Minister Paula Biggar. “We are working with our police and education partners to prevent the dangerous practice of illegally passing school buses and we continue to explore comprehensive options to eliminate this unnecessary risk to children.”

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Manitoba Introduces Legislation that Would Implement Tough Provincial Sanctions for Drunk Drivers

November 29, 2018, Government of Manitoba (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

The Manitoba government has introduced amendments to The Highway Traffic Act that would adopt more serious sanctions for drunk drivers while keeping more police on Manitoba’s roads, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced today.

“There are still too many people who haven’t gotten the message about drunk driving and they are taking the lives of too many Manitobans,” said Cullen. “Our government is sending a message to all Manitobans with our immediate roadside prohibition legislation - if you drink and drive, you will lose your licence, you will lose your vehicle and you will lose a lot of money.”

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Stricter regulations for commercial drivers will improve highway safety

November 28, 2018, Government of BC (VICTORIA, BC)

Enhanced chain-up regulations are now in place for commercial vehicle operators, which will mean safer B.C. highways and improved vehicle performance during winter conditions.

“Last winter, 33 of 35 extended closures on the Coquihalla involved commercial vehicles, and in most cases, this was due to truck drivers either poorly installing chains or not using them at all,” said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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November 21: National Day of Remembrance places focus on heart-breaking reality of road fatalities

November 20, 2018, MPI (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

As of the end of this October, 63 people have been killed in motor vehicle collisions on public roadways in Manitoba. Manitoba Public Insurance, in partnership with its road safety partners, is hoping tomorrow’s annual National Day of Remembrance for road crash victims encourages all motorists to think road safety.

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World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

November 15, 2018, SAAQ (MONTREAL, QUEBEC)

On November 18, 2018, the SAAQ is inviting people across Québec to pay tribute to road crash victims, as well as emergency and support services. With the slogan “Roads have stories,” this day is an occasion to remember that risky behaviours on the road can have tragic consequences.

In Québec in 2017, 359 people died, 1,501 were severely injured, and 35,330 were slightly injured. In order to reduce the number of human tragedies, drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists must protect those who are most vulnerable. The SAAQ and its many partners work each day to prevent traffic accidents and encourage Quebecers to adopt safe behaviours.

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MADD Canada and Special Guests Launch 2018 Project Red Ribbon Sober Driving Campaign

November 1, 2018, MADD Canada (OAKVILLE, ONTARIO)

With the holiday season quickly approaching, and with cannabis legalized just a couple of weeks ago, MADD Canada is kicking off its Project Red Ribbon sober driving campaign today in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

“Our awareness campaign, featuring our iconic red ribbon, runs from the beginning of November until January 7,” said Patricia Hynes-Coates, MADD Canada National President. “Hundreds of volunteers will be out in communities across the country to remind people about the risks and consequences of driving impaired by alcohol, by cannabis or any other substance that impairs one’s ability to drive.”

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Toronto, Ontario

March 27, 2019

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Iowa City, Iowa

October 14-17, 2019

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