

# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period October 1-31, 2022

#### October Traffic Safety Spotlight focusing on speeding

October 03 2022, gx94radio (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

The SGI Traffic Safety Spotlight for this month is focused on speeding.

Throughout the month, police across Saskatchewan will be on the lookout for any drivers exceeding the speed limit by more than 35 and 50 km/h; exceeding the limit in a school zone; exceeding 60 km/h while passing highway workers as well as when passing an emergency vehicle or tow truck on the side of the road with lights flashing; stunting and speeding.

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# Frustration builds in Manotick as truck traffic safety concerns persist

October 03 2022, Capital Current (MANOTICK, ONTARIO)

Manotick residents want the next city council to end the huge volume of heavy trucks crossing the Rideau River through their small, historic village. With 800 trucks daily driving down Bridge and Main streets, they say the vehicles have become a major safety and health concern.

#### Excessive speed equals danger to everyone

October 03 2022, Sask Today (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

This month's SGI Traffic Safety Spotlight is on speed.

In a press release, SGI encourages everyone behind the wheel to make good decisions, like following the speed limit when road conditions are ideal and adjusting your speed as streets start to get slick.

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#### Alberta RCMP promotes pedestrian safety this October

October 05 2022, RCMP (EDMONTON, ALBERTA)

This October, the Alberta RCMP reminds road users of the importance of safety when it comes to foot traffic on our streets and sidewalks.

In 2021, there were 224 pedestrian-involved collisions in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, 23 of which resulted in fatalities, 49 in major injuries, and 145 with minor injuries. In RCMP jurisdictions, pedestrian collisions occur more often during warmer weather between March and October.

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#### Commander's Corner: Taking safety in stride

October 07 2022, Devon Dispatch (DEVON, ALBERTA)

Be mindful on the streets and sidewalks, and watch out for one another.

As the days shorten, daylight decreases and pedestrian visibility is reduced. Most pedestrian collisions happen between 3 pm and 7 pm, when people are rushing to get home. Slow down on residential streets and other areas with high pedestrian traffic.

### Men aged 18-34 continue to have higher than average rates of impaired driving

October 10 2022, Penticton Herald

Young males, aged 18-34, continue to have higher than average rates of driving after consuming alcohol, cannabis or other drugs, a new survey has found.

The survey was conducted by Ipsos for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada and 3000 Canadians from the legal driving age to age 70 participated in it. This was the third national survey of its kind in which the participants were asked about their consumption of alcohol, cannabis, or other drugs, and whether they drove afterward while they believed that they were impaired.

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## 2022 National Teen Driver Safety Week focuses on risks of distracted driving

October 13 2022, CISION (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW), an annual public awareness campaign aimed at educating young drivers about road safety, is calling on teens to recognize that #DrivingTakes100 - 100-per-cent concentration.

Running from October 16 to 22 and supported by Desjardins Insurance and CN, the awareness week aims to reduce distracted driving that causes serious and fatal injuries.

#### Texting and driving a focus of Teen Driving Safety Week

October 18 2022, CTV News (NOTHERN ONTARIO, ONTARIO)

Sitting behind the wheel of a vehicle can be an exciting step towards adulthood for many teens, but when not taken seriously, it puts people's lives at risk.

Using a smartphone while driving is a dangerous habit at any age, said Arold Forti, Young Drivers' Timmins branch owner. It's one he aims to help the younger generation break early.

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### Canada: National Teen Driver Safety Week: Distracted Driving Awareness

October 20 2022, mondaq (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

The week of October 16 to 22, 2022 is National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW). The objective of NTDSW is to raise awareness to the risks of distracted driving amongst teenagers. Parachute, Canada's national injury prevention organization, implemented the NTDSW program to raise awareness to these safety issues and to get communities involved to be part of the solution. Although distracted driving is mostly associated with texting while driving, other hazards include touchscreen consoles, food, beverages, passengers and pets.

### Road crashes are the third-leading cause of death among young Canadians, says organization

October 22 2022, City News Everywhere (KITCHENER, ONTARIO)

Saturday marks the final day of National Teen Driver Safety awareness week, which ran from October 16 to 22.

The event is designed to generate awareness of teen driver safety.

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# Manitoba government presents bill 46 that would amend highway traffic act to prohibit driving on closed roads

October 25 2022, Government of Manitoba (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

The Manitoba government has introduced legislation that would create a new offence under the Highway Traffic Act to prohibit driving on closed roads, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Doyle Piwniuk announced today.

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### Frightful Findings: Desjardins shares results of 2022 Road Safety Survey

October 26 2022, Collision RepairMag (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

The Ontario Provincial Police said in May that 2022 was on track to be the deadliest year on Canadian highways in the past decade, and Desjardins Insurance is ready to share the details of its 2022 Road Safety Survey, just in time for Halloween.

### Four years since distracted driving legislation, are Manitobans getting the message?

October 31 2022, Global News (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

It's been almost four years to the day since new provincial laws increased penalties for Manitoba drivers picking up their cellphones while behind the wheel — but has anything changed?

A local trucker says he finds the number of distracted drivers out there disturbing. David Henry told 680 CJOB's The Start that he narrowly avoided being hit by a pickup truck hauling a trailer near Steinbach Monday morning — forcing him to drive his semi onto the shoulder.

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