



Safe summer driving tips



During the summer, tourists and vacationers add to the usual amount of traffic, and weekends are also busier than usual, with people travelling to cottages, golf courses or one of Ontario's great tourist attractions.

Safe driving practices are the best way to deal with increased traffic. It can get hectic out there, so try to stay calm. Drive at a safe speed and be courteous to other drivers. Speeding, tailgating, weaving in and out of traf-

ic and not yielding the right-of-way can lead to collisions.

If you're tired at the wheel, stop at a safe rest area, or take a break and treat yourself to a coffee or an ice cream. You'll feel rejuvenated and more alert.

Always make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up, and babies and young children are in car seats and booster seats. Proper use of seat belts and child car seats, including boost-

er seats, is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle-related injuries and fatalities.

In addition to the number of cars on the road, cyclists and motorcyclists come out of hibernation in the summer and can be hard to spot. There is also increased activity close to the road. Once school is out, more children are playing outside. There are rollerbladers, skateboarders and scooters on sidewalks and streets, and all-terrain vehicles can appear unexpectedly by the side of the road. Watch for pedestrians and activity by the side of the road.

Summer also brings increased construction on our roads and highways. Keep road workers safe by being prepared to stop or slow down in construction zones. For summer road construction updates, call 1-800-268-4676.



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