# Please Drive Carefully

# Lions and tigers and bears ... oh my!

It's probably a safe bet that drivers using North Halton's rural roads will not experience lions and tigers, but bears, deer, livestock, and other animals certainly are a possibility.

People who live in rural areas become accustomed to the subtleties of driving rural roads. However, those passing through may be less tunedin to keep an eye for any animals that might share the road. Research shows there are twice as many accidents on rural roads as there are in urban areas. To be safe, keep these tips in mind:

- \* Expect blind curves and pay attention to posted speed limits - they're very accurate for the road conditions.
- \* Be on animal watch. Certain times of the day, such as dawn and dusk, tend to be prime times for animals to be on the move. A deer can total a car if hit, and even low-flying birds can cause damage.
- \* The road may not be paved and driving on

gravel or dirt roads calls for slower driving speeds to maintain traction and safety.

- \* Expect minimal lighting. Street lights are rare, and may only appear at particularly dangerous curves or intersections. High beams will help.
- \* Be careful of soft and unmarked shoulders on narrower roads. Dirt on the side of the roads could be unstable.



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