

Halton Police, MADD and bar owners team up to combat impaired driving in the Towns of Milton and Halton Hills



Halton Regional Police Service remains committed to road safety through prevention, education, and enforcement initiatives. The operation of motor vehicles while drivers are impaired by alcohol and drugs remains a serious concern for Halton Police.

MADD Canada reports, in 2010, it was estimated that about 299,838 individuals were injured in motor vehicle crashes. MADD Canada estimates that approximately 63,821 of these individuals were injured in impairment-related crashes (roughly 175 per day). Note that this figure is limited to motor vehicle crashes only.

Already this year, Halton Police have issued 167 roadside suspensions and laid 447 alcohol related charges within our communities.

On October 21 and 22, 2016, officers from Milton and Halton Hills will be teaming up with volunteers from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

to attend licensed premises within those communities.

Officers and MADD volunteers will be providing restaurant and bar patrons with information pertaining to legislative changes that took effect October 2, that extends driving license suspensions, vehicle impoundment, and remedial measures to persons found driving while impaired by drug. The public education will also include information on factors that lead to impairment, and patrons will be provided with the opportunity on a voluntary basis to determine their blood alcohol concentration prior to leaving the licensed premise.

Halton Police always recommend keeping the consumption of alcohol separate from any operation of motor vehicles, the program does provide valuable insight for the public regarding their alcohol consumption as they typically underestimate both the effects of alcohol and drugs on their physical and mental fitness, as well as express surprise when they register blood alcohol concentrations that ren-

der them liable to serious criminal and provincial sanctions.

Halton Police are grateful to the responsible restaurant and bar owners who have embraced this education initiative in the interest of greater public safety.

Halton Police would like to remind everyone at this time that:

Drivers ability to operate a motor vehicle can be impaired at blood alcohol concentrations less than the criminal limit of 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood and criminal charges apply

All novice drivers and persons under 22 years of age must have a blood alcohol concentration of zero

Drug impairment can be the result of prescription drug use and not simply illicit drugs

Consumption of alcohol/drugs leads to a very limited ability for the involved person to adequately assess their fitness to drive. We encourage friends, family members, and servers to discourage those persons from driving after drinking and to seek another mode of transportation.



Protect yourself and others by receiving the flu vaccine this year

“Getting the flu vaccine every year is the most important way to protect yourself, your family and your colleagues from the flu,” said Halton Region’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hamidah Meghani. “We recommend everyone six months of age and over receive the flu vaccine to provide protection from the flu and its complications. With the vaccine available at so many different locations throughout the community, it’s easier than ever to work your flu shot into your normal routine.”

Flu immunizations are available at more than 100 pharmacies across the re-

gion, as well as in doctor’s offices, walk-in clinics and at some workplaces. While people over five years of age can receive their flu vaccine at a pharmacy, doctor’s office or walk-in clinic, children under five years old can only receive their flu shot at a doctor’s office or a Halton Region community influenza immunization clinic.

Most healthy people recover from the flu within a few days; however influenza infection can lead to pneumonia and hospitalization, and can even be fatal, especially in the elderly, those under five years of age and those with certain chronic

health conditions.

In addition to getting vaccinated, you can take everyday precautions against influenza by washing your hands with soap frequently, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (when soap and water is not available) and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. If you are sick, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading your illness to others and see your doctor if your illness worsens or doesn’t begin to improve after a few days.

For more information on the flu, including finding a clinic near you, visit halton.ca/flu or dial 311.

Acton Rotary Club and Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion **Senior’s Christmas Dinner**

Once again the Acton Rotary Club and the Acton Legion invite Acton seniors (65 and over) to enjoy a Christmas dinner and socialize at the Acton Legion on Tuesday, November 29, 2016

A limited number of tickets will be available November 1st and can be picked up by the individuals wishing to attend at either Halton Hills Furniture or the Acton Legion bar for \$6.00 per person by November 21st.

Anyone requiring transportation to and from the dinner are asked to call (519)835-0123 (yes...835)
All proceeds go to charity.

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Acton Town Hall - 19 Willow St N
For more information contact: Anthony Galati
416-908-4749 • tagtech@cogeco.ca
Proceeds go to the Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Saturday October 29th 12:00-3:00pm

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For Kids 12 and under

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