

# Summer safety - watch for kids at play

## SAFE DRIVING PRACTICES

Like any time of year, 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 traffic 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 BUCKLE UP

And as 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 booster seats, is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle-related injuries

and fatalities.

Health Canada statistics show that motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death among children from one to nine years of age.

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.

In general, there are more people out enjoying the season, so you need to be on the lookout for pedestrians.

### DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Summer also gives us lots of opportunities to get together with family and

friends. If you are going to have a few drinks at a picnic or barbeque, make sure you have a designated driver.

Summer is also prom season. If your son or daughter is graduating this year, find out what the high school is doing to make sure students don't drink and drive during or after the festivities.

### Construction Season

And as everyone knows, summer also brings in-

creased construction on our roads and highways. Keep road workers safe by being prepared to stop or slow down in construction zones.

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For updates on summer road construction, please visit our road construction reports page or call 416-235-4MTO in Toronto, or 1-800-268-4MTO if you are calling from outside of Toronto.

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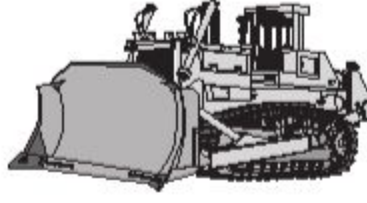
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