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It's Small Dog time



## Stop on RED: Halton Police are watching

By **JULIE SLACK**  
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Stopping for a red light seems obvious, yet hundreds of drivers roll through intersections daily as they make a right-hand turn.

Halton Regional Police in Milton and Halton Hills are targeting drivers who break this Highway Traffic Act law throughout August as part of a traffic initiative dubbed Stop on RED...Lives depend on it!

Const. Mark Jolly, who works with the District Response Unit, estimates that only 10 per cent of drivers come to a complete stop on a red light as they make a right-hand turn.

To prove his point, he took me out for a morning to some of the intersections he's been targeting.

Sitting in a unmarked police vehicle at Scott Blvd. and Derry Rd. in Milton on Monday morning, Jolly says drivers don't even notice him parked a mere 20 metres from the intersection. Within minutes, Jolly pulls over the first offender. A man pleads with the officer not to give him a ticket.

Failing to stop at a red light means a \$325 fine and three demerit points, and the offence remains on your record for three years. More importantly, there's potential injury or worse to a pedestrian you haven't seen, Jolly notes.

Drivers must come to a complete stop on the thick white line of the intersection before proceeding to turn right on a red light— "after you have come to a complete stop," stressed Jolly to the driver.

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Halton Regional Police Const. Mark Jolly has been issuing tickets for failing to stop at a red light all month during a traffic initiative in Milton and Halton Hills.

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