

News from the Transportation Health & Safety Association of Ontario

**Welcome to THSAO's E-Trans Newsletter
Inaugural Road Safety Issue**

PREVENTING WORK-RELATED ROADWAY COLLISIONS

Motor vehicle collisions are one of the leading causes of worker injuries and fatalities in Ontario. As an employer you must take every precaution reasonable to protect your employees from this hazard. This means that your organization is responsible to ensure the safety of your employees when they drive as part of their work duties and you have the same responsibilities even if the employee is using his or her own vehicle. Explore some preventative measures which can be taken. [Read More: http://www.thsao.on.ca/publications/pwrrc_brochure.pdf](http://www.thsao.on.ca/publications/pwrrc_brochure.pdf)



MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY—TIPS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Developed in conjunction with the WSIB Prevention Branch, THSAO offers a variety of Motor Vehicle Safety Tips dealing with issues of Motor Vehicle accident prevention relevant to all motorists from both a commercial vehicle and occupational driving perspective. Please read and share this important information with others.

- **Driver Distractions**—Drivers continue to be faced with an ever increasing number of distractions when operating behind the wheel of a vehicle. There are many counter measures to avoid falling into this trap.
- **Driver Fatigue**—A number of factors can contribute to Driver Fatigue. Are you aware of what they are and the solutions to help you stay alert?
- **Common Causes of Motor Vehicle Collisions**—Most Motor Vehicle Collisions are caused due to excessive speed, unsafe lane changes, following too close, not adjusting to weather or road conditions etc. Learn how to deal effectively with these situations.
- **Motor Vehicle Collisions—Safety Starts with you the Employee**—As an employee you have certain responsibilities to ensure that you protect yourself and others from motor vehicle collisions.
- **Motor Vehicle Collisions—Safety Starts with you the Employer**—As an employer you must take every precaution reasonable to protect your employees from road hazards.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH TRUCKS

Due to their design, trucks have characteristics that make them far different from smaller vehicles. You cannot afford to make driving errors that put you and those you care about at risk. Here is some sound advice that can make the highways that we share with trucks a lot safer. [Read More—http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/topics/shareroad.htm](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/topics/shareroad.htm); <http://www.thsao.on.ca/docs/tips.pdf>



School Bus Safety

Information for Kids, Parents & Drivers—<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/schoolbus/safebus.htm>



Road Safety Topics from RoadSafe.ca

Driving Tips—Some effective driving tips everyone should consider: <http://www.roadsafe.ca/cam.html#Summer>

Distracted Driving, Drowsy Driving, Speeding: <http://www.roadsafe.ca/topics.html>



DRIVERS ON CELL PHONES ARE AS BAD AS DRUNKS

Three years after the preliminary results first were presented at a scientific meeting and drew wide attention, University of Utah psychologists have published a study showing that motorists who talk on handheld or hands-free cellular phones are as impaired as drunken drivers.

[Read More: http://unews.utah.edu/p/?r=062206-1](http://unews.utah.edu/p/?r=062206-1)



New Vehicle Inspection Regulations became Effective July 1, 2007

This past July 1, carriers operating in Ontario had to begin the transition to new requirements. The Ontario Ministry of Transport will provide an educational period for several months to allow carriers to make the switch.

The new regulations do not mean major changes for drivers in terms of how they conduct their inspections, but they will also be required to monitor the vehicle they operate on an on-going basis. Drivers will now refer to a schedule that has a list of both minor and major defects on it. [Read More: COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS - O. Reg.](#)



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