

Peel Police - Summer Safety Tips for Pedestrians and Drivers

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Peel – With the start of summer and end of school, Peel Regional Police would like to remind pedestrians and drivers of the need to be vigilant, in order to prevent a tragedy.

During this time of year, with young children out from school and playing outdoors, drivers and pedestrians alike are reminded that road safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers are reminded that they need to give their full attention to driving safely and obeying the rules of the road. Pedestrians are reminded that their safety is in their hands. They need to be fully aware, at all times, of the movement of vehicles in their vicinity.

To assist drivers and pedestrians, Peel Police would like to offer some safety tips:

Drivers

Obey the rules of the road

- Give driving your full attention
- Pay extra attention to pedestrians
- Keep your vehicle in good condition, with proper tires inflated at the correct pressure. Make sure your brakes are in good working order and ensure your windshield is always clear

Pedestrians

Pedestrian safety is in your hands. Be alert at all times to your surroundings.

- When walking in low lighting conditions, or at night, wear something reflective
- Don't rely on traffic signals or stop signs. Ensure that it is safe to cross the road before crossing
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible
- Whenever possible use a crosswalk to cross the street. Avoid "jaywalking" or crossing the street between vehicles
- Parents – ensure that you are aware of your children's location and activity at all times. Do not allow young children to play near roadways, unsupervised