

AVOID THE DANGERS OF SPRING DRIVING

With the arrival of spring, it can be easy to let your guard down when it comes to looking for unexpected driving hazards. But it's essential to remain vigilant as springtime driving can present its own unique and hazardous challenges.

Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe on the roads:

- WATCH FOR POTHOLES
- WATCH FOR RUNNERS, PEDESTRIANS AND CHILDREN
- WATCH FOR INCREASED WILDLIFE ACTIVITY
- WATCH FOR CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS
- GIVE YOUR VEHICLE A SPRING TUNE-UP



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WATCH FOR POTHOLES:

Potholes appear on the roads every spring, so it is important to watch out for them.

- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you to be able to see and react to potholes.
- Swerving to avoid a pothole may lead to an accident. It is important to maintain control of your vehicle.

WATCH FOR RUNNERS, PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND CHILDREN:

More people head outside and enjoy the nice weather, be aware of more activity on the roads.

- Watch out for runners, pedestrians and children while driving in spring.
- Even if you live in an area where it is common to see cyclists and runners in the winter, expect to see an increase in the spring. This also includes more motorcycles on the roads.
- Slow down when driving through residential neighbourhoods. Pay attention to your surroundings as children may suddenly dart between parked cars or run out of a yard into the road.

WATCH FOR INCREASE WILDLIFE ACTIVITY:

As the weather improves, some species of animals are emerging from hibernation and are foraging for food.

- Be mindful of an increase in wildlife activity at dawn and dusk. *Statistics show there are over 45,000 non-fatal collisions with wildlife every year in Canada. That's 123 per day! (**Test.ca*)
- Pay attention to wildlife signs on the highway and remember wildlife encounters are also common in urban areas as well.

WATCH WATCH FOR CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Depending on where you live or how far you travel, there may still be the chance of snow and ice causing slippery conditions.

- Spring showers can make roads slippery as the rainwater mixes with contaminants on the road.
- Check your local website or DriveBC prior to travelling to see if there are possible conditions that may impact your trip.
- If conditions deteriorate during travel, consider stopping in a safe place until conditions improve.

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