

Distracted Drivers are tearing up the road

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Drivers in the GTA need to snap out of cruise control and use their eyes instead of relying on the gadgets in their cars. We finally see we have to change our attitudes. Driving has become so desensitized...with tinted windows, televisions, comfortable seats and gadgets that have to beep to tell us we're going to hit something. We don't even feel the road anymore, motorists are driving by technology and not skill. The public should be very concerned, because we're in a situation where the gridlock is so bad, it brings drivers to road-rage levels, and pedestrians are the victims. Toronto had 31 pedestrian deaths last year, 19 of them seniors. If we keep in a rush-rush world with tunnel vision and tunnel thoughts, the problem will only get worse. The accidents are turning fatal..



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To The Motoring Public On The Roads Of Ontario

Spring comes very quickly and so too does the new construction season for road repairs and other forms of road work. As a traffic control technician, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all motorists how dangerous it can be for the crews who work on or near the roadway. Traffic control Technicians ensure the safety of their crew as well as the motoring and pedestrian public from any dangers that are present during construction projects. There are a few things that motorists can do to help ensure that everyone gets home safely at the end of the day.

..**SLOW DOWN** when approaching a construction zone, you may need to make decisions you don't normally encounter.

..**PAY ATTENTION** and **OBEY** the flagging crew, they are there for everybody's protection.

..**OBEY THE LAW** when using cell phones and other technical devices.

..**CONCENTRATE** on the task of controlling your vehicle at all times

Safe motoring takes concentration and any distraction can change the outcome of your journey; keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the wheel.

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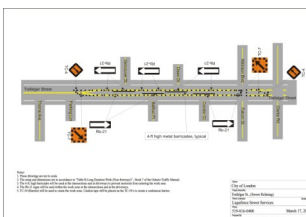
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