

Coming Home Alive



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Welcome to Coming Home Alive and our first newsletter. This is a monthly newsletter and can be found on our website, Facebook, Twitter and via email if you wish to have it delivered there. Enjoy your read and we look forward to hearing back from you. Have a great and safe month.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

DID YOU KNOW?

A Commercial driver has very limited visibility. If you are driving next to a tractor trailer, you can see him but he cannot always see you. Make sure you have eye contact with the driver. If you can see him in his side mirror on the driver's side, he can see you.

If you pass a commercial vehicle, always make sure you leave 2 full truck lengths between him and you before merging in front of him and NEVER EVER apply your brakes when you get over. If you have not left enough room for a safe merge you are endangering your life and the lives of every driver around you.

Just For A Laugh

A policeman pulls over an old man in a pickup truck because the bed of his truck is full of ducks. The officer says, "Sir, it is unacceptable to have this flock of ducks downtown, take them to the Zoo this instant!"

The old man confirms that he will and drives off. The next day the officer sees the same man in the same truck still full of ducks. Only this time all the ducks are wearing sunglasses. The officer pulls him over again and yells, "I told you to take these ducks to the Zoo!"

The old man replies, "I did! But now the little buggers want to go to the beach!"



WINTER DRIVING TIP

Always take extra blankets, water, warm clothes, food, flashlight and a shovel with you in the winter. You never know when something could happen and you get stranded. If you have an emergency kit in your vehicle you have a better chance of coming home alive.

A FEW NOTES

The most amount of accidents involving passenger vehicles are from the 25-34 age range. The major causes are distracted driving and impaired.

There is no driving training or license class for recreational vehicles in Canada. So, a person who drives a compact car for 351 days a year can take a 48" motorhome with a trailer behind it, on the highway without any knowledge or skills for 2 weeks.

Halloween is fast approaching. As a driver slow down, leave the cell phone put away, stay sober and watch the roadways. Kids will be darting in and out collecting candy. As a parent, make sure your kids have light coloured clothing or if it is dark please add high vis tape to the outfit so drivers can see your child.

It takes a tractor trailer unit almost 2 football fields to safely stop. It takes over 3 football fields to stop if there is more than one trailer. Physics plays a big part in how come it takes so long to stop.

Newton's first law of motion states that "An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force." Objects tend to "keep on doing what they're doing." In fact, it is the natural tendency of objects to resist changes in their state of motion. This tendency to resist changes in their state of motion is described as inertia.

Newton's third law of motion states that A force is an interaction between objects, and forces exist in equal-and-opposite pairs. Newton's third law summarizes this as follows: when one object exerts a force on a second object, the second object exerts an equal-and-opposite force on the first object. Note that "equal-and-opposite" is the shortened form of "equal in magnitude but opposite in direction".

In simple terms, the harder and faster a moving truck has to stop, the load they are carrying will continue forward longer.

TRY THIS AT HOME: Take a Tupperware container with a lid, fill it $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water. Slid it across the counter or floor until it reaches the wall (give yourself a couple of feet of room). What happens to the water when the container reaches the wall?

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