

10 SIGNS OF A SUSPECTED IMPAIRED DRIVER

Any suspicious driving behaviour could be a sign of an impaired driver, for example:

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- Drifting in and out of lanes
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently
- Making exceptionally wide turns
- Changing lanes or passing without sufficient clearance
- Overshooting or stopping well before stop signs or stoplights
- Disregarding signals and lights
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or slowly
- Driving without headlights on, failing to lower high beams or leaving turn signals on
- Driving with windows open in cold or inclement weather

BE CAUTIOUS IF YOU SEE AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

Always try to avoid creating a situation that is more dangerous than the one you are trying to prevent.

CITIZENS CAN ASSIST BY REPORTING ALL IMPAIRED DRIVERS

We have all heard the don't drink and drive message countless times, yet 80,000 Canadians a year still choose to drive after they have been drinking. Their irresponsible choices result in thousands of charges and, tragically, hundreds of deaths and serious injuries. Many families have suffered the heartbreak of losing a loved one to an impaired driver.

While several law-enforcement programs aimed at the abolishment of impaired driving have proven beneficial, Ontario RAID (Report All Impaired Drivers) is taking it one step further with the introduction of the RAID program which is a new initiative to combat drinking and driving on the province's roadways. Ontario RAID was founded by Doug Abernethy of Orillia, who's personal tragedy is the reason behind RAID.

Launched in 2002, RAID encourages citizens to call police if they believe they have spotted an impaired driver. By providing the location, direction of travel, a licence-plate number and other details about a suspected motorist, citizens can assist in apprehending alleged impaired drivers.

Once limited to certain regions within Ontario, the RAID program was able to expand throughout the rest of the province thanks to a sponsorship by CAA Insurance. Now all Ontarians can play a role in keeping our roads safe and free of impaired drivers.

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE ROADS IN ONTARIO THE SAFEST ON THE CONTINENT

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HOW TO REPORT AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated is a serious offence, which far too often results in tragedy.

It is important for you to report suspected impaired driver to a local law enforcement agency as soon as you see them. Ontario RAID (Report All Impaired Drivers) is a province-wide anti-drinking and driving program that provides all Ontarians with this opportunity.

Many businesses in the community, such as gas stations, drive-through restaurants, coffee shops or confectioneries become the focus point where an impaired driver may stop. By becoming involved, you may save someone's life.

Today, it is the hard-core, repeat offender who is the problem driver. These driver's must learn that their behavior will not be tolerated on our roads in Ontario. The message that society will no longer tolerate impaired driving must be driven home. Displaying the Ontario RAID poster, wallet-cards in your business and workplace or Electrostatic Window Decal in your vehicles windshield will go a long way towards deterring the behavior and attitudes of those who have as yet to "get" the message. The information displayed on these materials provides citizens with the information needed to make a report of suspected impaired drivers.

As a driver on the road, with a cellular phone, you have an excellent opportunity to respond to this program. You alone can make a difference. Please remember to use your cell phone safely – pull over to the side of the road prior to making a call or have a passenger make the call.

WHAT THE POLICE NEED ...

When you contact the police, have the following information ready:

- The location and direction of travel of the suspected impaired driver and the time of your observation.
- The licence plate number, car make and model, colour and any other information you can provide about the vehicle that could assist in locating the vehicle.
- The description of the driver, and your present location.



PLEASE REMEMBER

If you find yourself on the road with a suspected impaired driver, let common sense prevail and be cautious. Obey traffic control signs and signals, the posted speed limits, all other rules of the road and keep your distance from the suspect.

We thank you for your support in participating in the Ontario RAID (Report All Impaired Drivers) program. We know you want to help in the fight to keep our roads safe.

Remember, law enforcement officers and other emergency response personnel are trained specialists. Please leave them to do their job unless they request your assistance. **DO NOT** try to apprehend the suspect yourself

WHAT TO DO IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO IF YOU SPOT A SUSPECTED IMPAIRED DRIVER

If you see a driver you believe to be impaired, call police immediately at:

9 – 1 – 1

or

1 – 888 – 310 – 1122

State you have spotted a suspected impaired driver and provide the police with the following information:

1. State your location
2. Vehicle description:
 - Licence number
 - Colour
 - Make and Model
3. Direction of travel
4. Description of driver

Ontario RAID is a program which began with the unveiling of new signage type posters across the province of Ontario encouraging drivers to call police if they see another motorist they suspect is impaired. Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility. By placing a call you may save a life or prevent serious injury. Impaired driving is a crime in progress and as such, warrants a call to police.