

# Thrill seeking or death wish?

16 teenagers were killed in a horrific road accident near Lake... night of February 16. Sandra Manners, aged 14, ... Lee Weight, 15, Cory ...

Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. The accident occurred after the teenagers left a 16th birthday party and walked along M...

# Car Surfing Death

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# CAR SURFING STUNNED 'putting lives at risk'

Fifty-eight of the 99 car-surfing reports in Canada resulted in injuries, with 58 reported as the cause of death in 5 of the 58 cases (78%). The specific injury leading to death was not reported in the remaining 13 fatal cases. The

majority of persons injured while car surfing were male (70 of 99) and 70% were reported in this age group. In addition, the persons injured were in age from 10-37 with a median of 17 years (range 10-57; median; 16 years). By age

# Surf this. Drive Safe.

## Deaths

Robert K. Alexander, 19, at 1:46 a.m., Saturday, ber. 30, 2006, from sustained in a one vehicle accident involving high speed and stunt driving. Robert was born 1987, in Somerville. He worked as a generator, was a volunteer man and first responder. Fire Department local...

# STUNT GONE GIRL injured bumper

A 20-year-old Ontario woman has been injured and her 17-year-old sister arrested following a car surfing accident early Sunday morning. The woman was one of three people standing on the

rear bumper of a black SUV and holding onto the roof-mounted spoiler. The car was on the ground when she was taken to the hospital for treatment of serious head injuries.

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message from

# the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

Safety on Ontario's roadways is a priority for Ontario's police leaders. The devastation caused by careless motorists is significant, concerning, and affects all of us. Traffic collisions happen for many different, and preventable, reasons. Distracted driving, excessive speeds, driver error, fatigue, and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, all contribute to tragedies on our roadways.

One of the most disturbing and dangerous trends on Ontario roadways today involves stunt driving. Chasing other motor vehicles, driving at speeds in excess of 50km over the maximum speed limit, and repeatedly changing lanes in close proximity to other vehicles while racing are all examples of stunt driving. One particularly troublesome trend is "car surfing" – an activity in which passengers of moving vehicles perform various stunts including: hanging out of the car or surfing on the hood, trunk, or roof of the vehicle while it is in motion, which can result in serious injury or death.

Ontario's police leaders have been working with the provincial government to develop laws that effectively discipline individuals who put themselves and others at risk by engaging in these activities, but law enforcement is only part of the solution. Our 2012 Drive Safe campaign, and the contents of this booklet, provides information to Ontarians on the reality of stunt driving activities with the goal of preventing future incidents from occurring. By educating ourselves and each other about the seriousness of stunt driving, we can all work together to save lives.

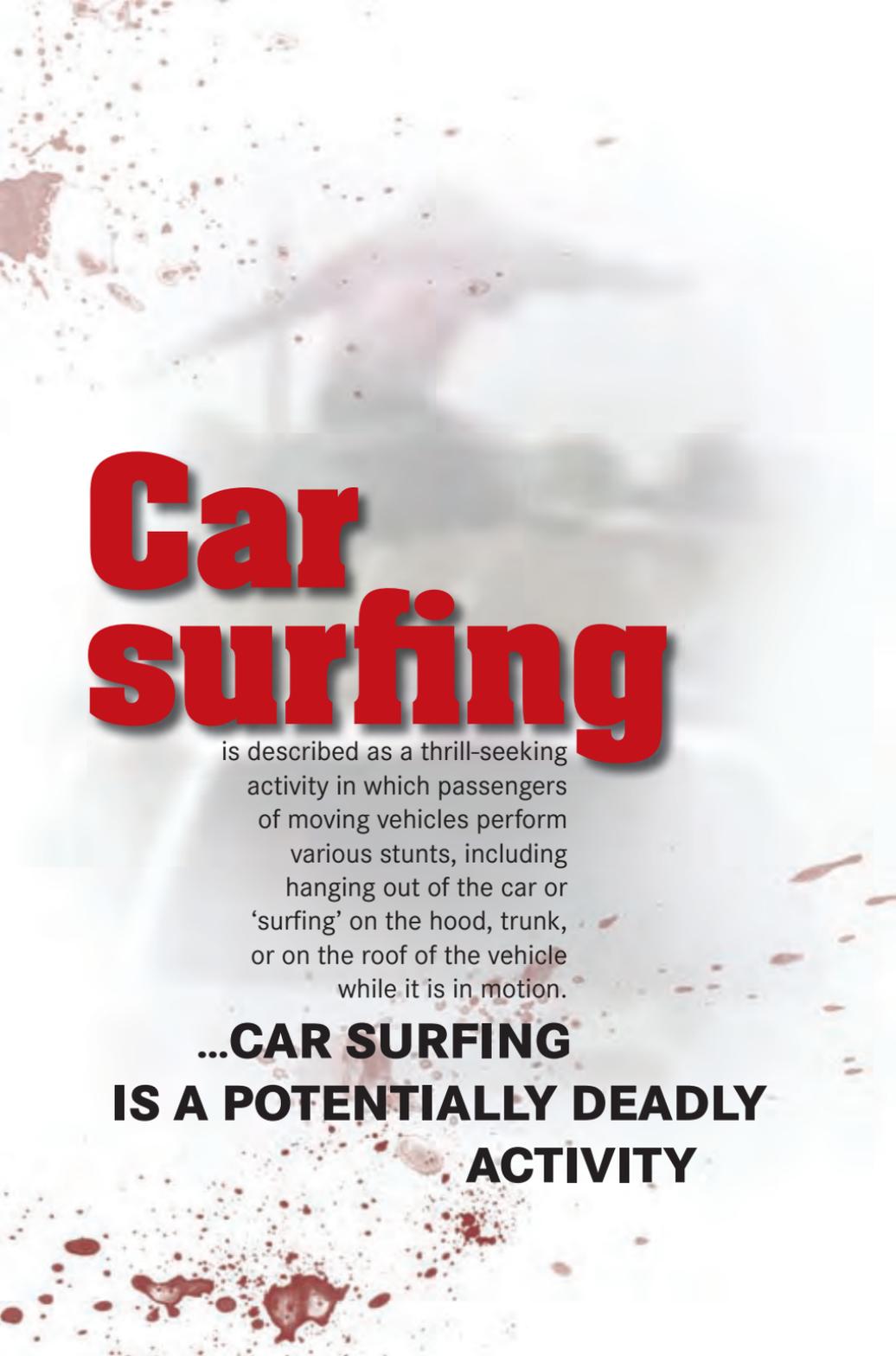


Chief Matt Torigian

Chief of Police, Waterloo Regional Police Service  
President – Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

# FACT

**Car surfing is a DEATH-DEFYING "extreme sport" that has claimed the lives of thrill-seeking teens and young adults.**



# Car surfing

is described as a thrill-seeking activity in which passengers of moving vehicles perform various stunts, including hanging out of the car or 'surfing' on the hood, trunk, or on the roof of the vehicle while it is in motion.

**...CAR SURFING  
IS A POTENTIALLY DEADLY  
ACTIVITY**

**Car surfing is one of a range of risky behaviours that young motorists participate in** that are increasingly being video-recorded and posted on video-sharing websites like YouTube and Facebook. However, these videos usually do not show the associated risk for serious injury or even death. Car surfers grossly underestimate the risk involved for serious or fatal injuries even at slow speeds. Furthermore, they might not consider that car surfing can lead to serious legal charges against the car surfer or vehicle driver.

## **How fast does a vehicle have to be travelling for someone to be injured or killed while car surfing?**

**CAR SURFING IS DANGEROUS AT NEARLY ANY SPEED.**

Serious injuries and deaths have been reported in cases where vehicles were travelling as slow as 10kph to as fast as 120kph. The most dangerous thing that can happen while car surfing is falling off of the vehicle which can lead to a fatal head injury even at slow speeds. One of the key risks is sudden unanticipated manoeuvres, such as swerving or braking, that can force a car surfer off of the vehicle.

## **What can be done to help prevent teens from car surfing?**

Parents and other influential adults should be aware of car surfing and its potentially deadly consequences. Adults should talk to teens about the real risk of injury and death that car surfing poses.

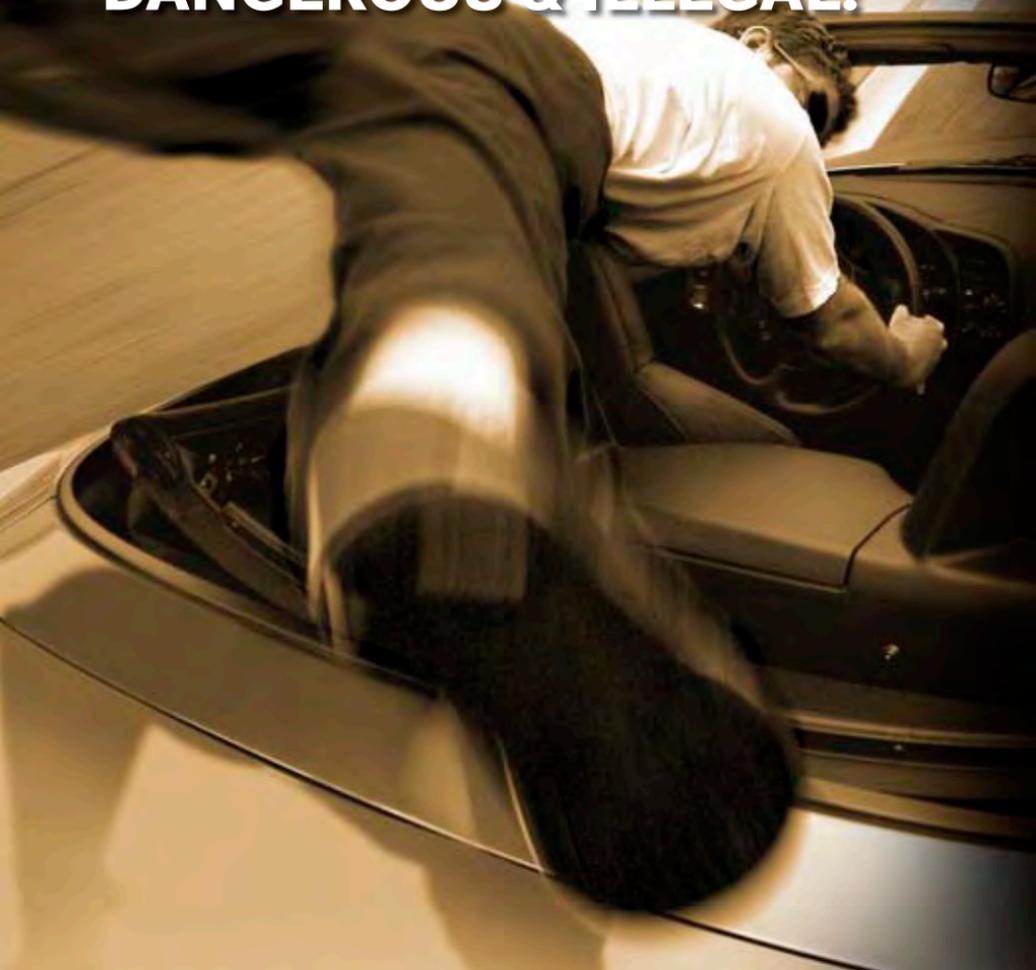
**The only safe way to travel in a motor vehicle is seated while wearing a seat-belt.**

# **FACT**

**People who fall off during the ride may suffer brain contusions, fractured skulls, neck injuries, broken bones, loss of consciousness, internal bleeding, paralysis, and even death.**

# Stunt Driving

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In the Province of Ontario there are now very strict penalties for

**STUNT DRIVING** which is defined under the law as doing any of the following:

- Lifting any tire from the surface of the road (wheelies or stoppies)
- Intentionally causing any tire to lose traction while turning (skids or drifting)
- Having the intention of causing a vehicle to spin (doing “donuts”)
- Driving a vehicle in oncoming lanes next to another vehicle longer than is reasonably required to pass
- Driving with someone in the trunk
- Driving while not sitting in the driver’s seat (“ghost driving”)
- Driving 50 kilometres per hour or more over the speed limit
- Driving in a way that prevents others from passing
- Slowing down with the intention of slowing or interfering with another vehicle
- Driving with the intention of driving as close as possible to a vehicle, pedestrian or fixed object
- Jumping a left turn at a green light before allowing straight-through traffic to proceed

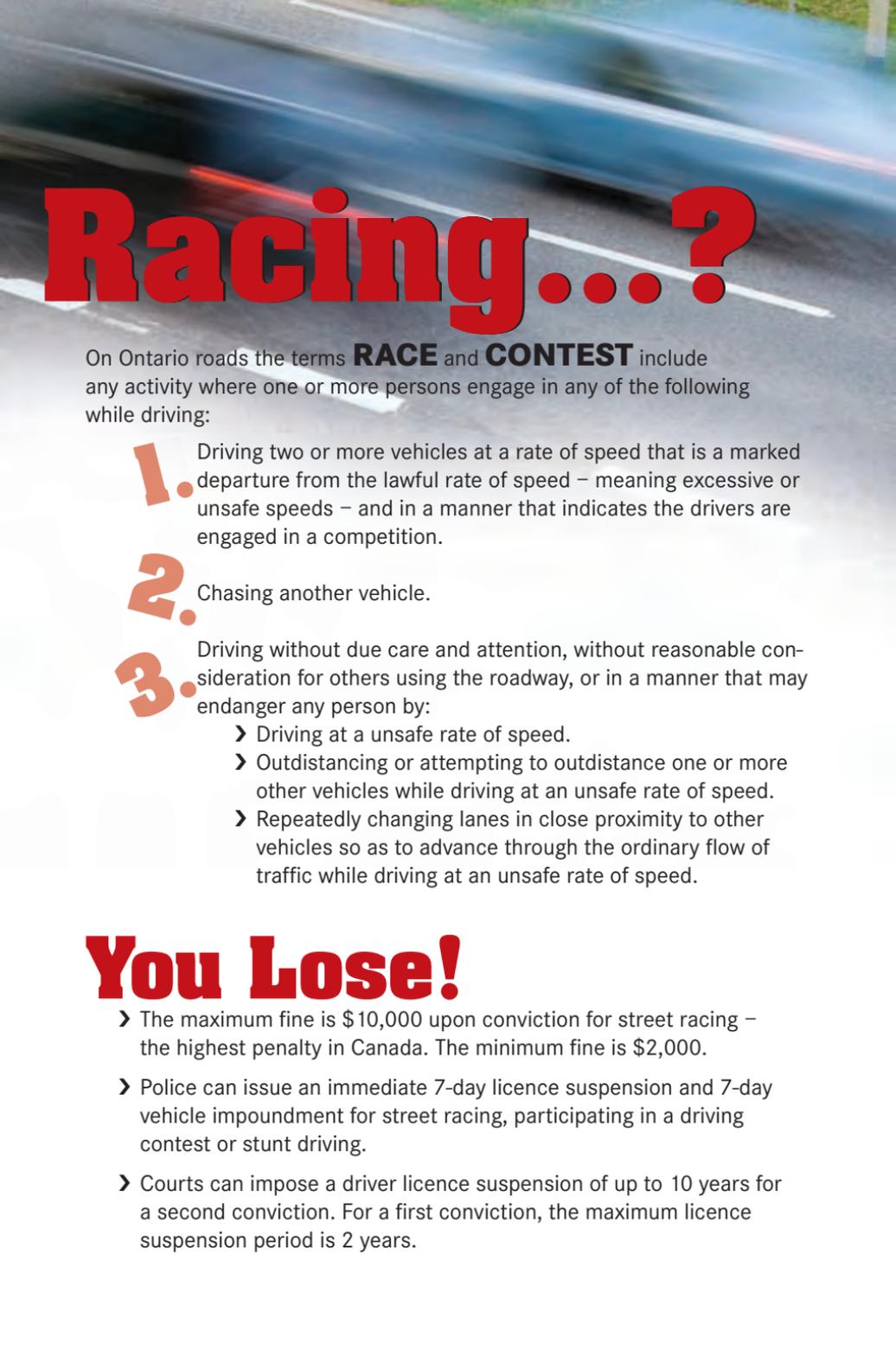
**If a police officer determines that you were stunt driving, you can:**

- Face a fine between \$2,000 up and \$10,000
- Have your vehicle seized for 7 days
- Lose your licence for 7 days
- Lose 7 demerit points

*This is not determined in a court, it is determined at the roadside, and there is no appeals process. And the police don't care if your vehicle is rented, if it's your only transportation, if it's the middle of the night, or if you've borrowed it.*

Finally, you can expect a dramatic increase in your insurance costs for 3 to 5 years.

For a the complete legal definition of **stunt driving** see [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_070455\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_070455_e.htm)



# Racing...?

On Ontario roads the terms **RACE** and **CONTEST** include any activity where one or more persons engage in any of the following while driving:

1. Driving two or more vehicles at a rate of speed that is a marked departure from the lawful rate of speed – meaning excessive or unsafe speeds – and in a manner that indicates the drivers are engaged in a competition.
2. Chasing another vehicle.
3. Driving without due care and attention, without reasonable consideration for others using the roadway, or in a manner that may endanger any person by:
  - › Driving at an unsafe rate of speed.
  - › Outdistancing or attempting to outdistance one or more other vehicles while driving at an unsafe rate of speed.
  - › Repeatedly changing lanes in close proximity to other vehicles so as to advance through the ordinary flow of traffic while driving at an unsafe rate of speed.

## You Lose!

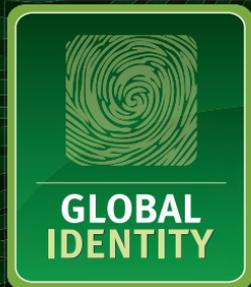
- › The maximum fine is \$10,000 upon conviction for street racing – the highest penalty in Canada. The minimum fine is \$2,000.
- › Police can issue an immediate 7-day licence suspension and 7-day vehicle impoundment for street racing, participating in a driving contest or stunt driving.
- › Courts can impose a driver licence suspension of up to 10 years for a second conviction. For a first conviction, the maximum licence suspension period is 2 years.

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# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

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Buying a car is a big financial commitment and no one wants to get ripped off. This is why it's vital car buyers understand that their rights and protections depend entirely upon whom they buy from.



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Some consumers believe they'll get a better deal if they buy privately. In some instances that may be possible, but if you do buy privately, there is no consumer law that

covers the transaction. If something goes wrong, you're on your own.

Approximately 25 per cent of all private classified ads are posted by curbsiders – illegal sellers who are in the business of selling cars, but usually pose as private sellers. Often, the vehicles they sell are misrepresented; many are rebuilt write-offs. Curbsiders usually want to meet in a public place and commonly, the vehicles they sell are in someone else's name. If there's a problem with your purchase, it's unlikely you'll find them again.

However, when consumers buy from an Ontario-registered dealer, they are protected by the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC). **OMVIC** administers and enforces the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act* (MVDA). The MVDA provides Ontarians with some of the **strongest consumer protection laws in the world**. Under the MVDA, consumers are entitled to full vehicle history disclosure and all-in price advertising. If a dealer ad includes the price of a vehicle, that price must include **all** charges. HST (and licensing) don't have to be included if the ad clearly states they are not included.

Other protections under the MVDA include, in some circumstances, contract cancellation rights and access to the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund. The Fund may reimburse consumers up to \$45,000 if they suffer a loss as a result of a transaction with a registered dealer.

"The tired old stereotypes of car dealers are changing," says Carl Compton, Executive Director of OMVIC. "Today's dealers and salespeople must pass a course in automotive law and ethics before being granted their OMVIC registration. This helps ensure the motor vehicle sales industry continues to grow and, most importantly, that Ontario consumers receive the best service and protection possible." Car buyers can visit OMVIC's consumer website **BuyWithConfidence.ca** for more information.



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If you drive when you are unable to give all of your attention to your driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers, and others at risk. You can make a difference.

# Tips for Driving UNDISTRACTED

- 1. Keep the phone out of arms reach.** Put it in your glove compartment or leave it in your purse, which you can put in your backseat.
- 2. Turn off your phone when you're driving.** If you don't hear it ring, you can't pick it up.
- 3. Download anti-texting software onto your phone.**
- 4. Don't text or call others when you know they are driving.** Parents often call their teenagers to make sure they are safe on the road or have safely reached their destination. But calling or texting them while they are driving may cause them to be distracted.
- 5. Have a designated "texter" while driving.** If you have a friend or passenger in the car with you, have them answer the phone or respond to a text message.
- 6. Remember that distracted driving is just as bad as impaired driving.** Several studies have shown that texting while driving impairs your driving ability in the same way that alcohol does.
- 7. Imagine the pedestrians and passengers in the other cars are people you know and love.** Would you want a distracted driver on the road if your loved ones were there? Also, driving distracted with passengers in your car puts their lives at risk as well as yours. It also sets an example that you don't want others to mimic.

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# **DRIVERS**, wake up, stay alert!

Constant yawning, a nod of the head, heavy eyelids, blurred and wandering vision while driving are some of the warning signs that you may be on the verge of falling asleep at the wheel.

When you are sleepy, your brain starts to shut down. Driving when you are sleepy is dangerous. It reduces your ability to drive effectively and to think quickly. Your reaction time is slower, awareness is decreased, and judgement is impaired. Often the actions of fatigued drivers are confused with drivers who have been drinking. The consequences can be just as fatal.

The following tips can help you avoid falling asleep at the wheel:

- Get adequate and quality sleep before a trip.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages and heavy foods.
- Beware of medications that can impair your driving ability.
- Limit long-distance driving.
- Stop at a safe place and take a nap.
- Drive with a companion and share the driving.
- Keep the temperature cool in your vehicle.
- Avoid caffeine-type drinks like coffee or cola. They provide a short-term boost, however, if you are seriously sleep deprived, no amount of caffeine will help. It's best to stay off the road.
- If possible, avoid driving during the peak drowsy times – from 2 pm to 5 pm, and from 10 pm to 6 am.

*Recognize the signs, know the dangers, and reduce your risks – don't drive when drowsy.*

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A convicted offender faces the following costs:

ITEM	COST
Legal Costs (estimated range)	\$2,000 – \$10,000
Criminal Code fine	\$1,000
Back on Track program	\$578
Licence reinstatement fee	\$150
Increased insurance (est. \$5,000 extra per year for 3 years)	\$15,000
Ignition Interlock	\$1,500
<b>Total Estimated Cost*</b> (plus applicable taxes on some items)	<b>up to \$28,028</b>

\* actual costs may vary  
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# FACT

Every year some 200 lives are lost and more than 5,000 people injured in collisions involving a drinking driver.

Approximately one person a day is killed in collisions involving speed and loss of control.

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can really slow **you** down

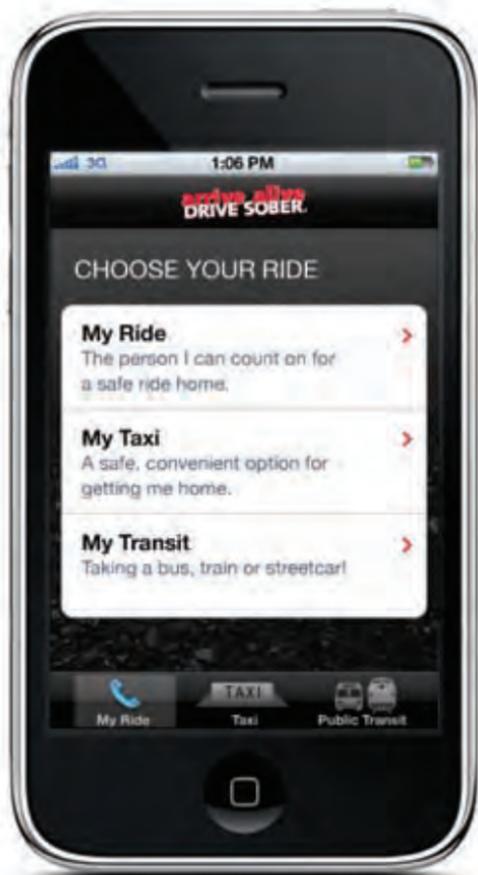
Kilometres over posted speed limit	Speed Fine	Demerit Points
20 km/h	\$100	3
30 km/h	\$220	4
40 km/h	\$295	4
50 km/h	\$2,000 to \$10,000 + 7-day licence suspension + 7-day vehicle impoundment	6

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# Get out of the way!

It's the law for any driver who sees and hears an emergency vehicle approaching to get out of the way.

Here's what you **MUST** do:

1. Do not slam on the brakes or pull over suddenly. Check your rear-view mirror, look in front and on both sides of your vehicle. React quickly, but calmly before pulling over and use your signals.
2. On a two-way road, traffic travelling both directions must pull over and stop as close as possible to the right-hand side of the road and clear of any intersection.
3. On a one-way road with more than two lanes, stop as close as possible to the nearest edge of the road and clear of any intersection.
4. Wait until the emergency vehicle has passed. Stay alert and look for more than one emergency vehicle approaching. Check to make sure the way is clear and signal before merging back into traffic.
5. On multi-lane freeways, many times an emergency vehicle will use the shoulder of the road if all the lanes are blocked. Don't block the shoulder.
6. Never follow or try to outrun an emergency vehicle.

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# TIPS FOR **PROTECTING YOUR HOME** YEAR-ROUND



There is no better peace of mind than knowing that your home and loved ones are protected. Whether you're at work, in the car or off on a family holiday, there are many ways to maintain peace of mind and keep your home safe.

## **HERE ARE FOUR USEFUL TIPS COMBINING TECHNOLOGY WITH TRIED-AND-TRUE SAFEGUARDS:**

### **Keep in touch (conveniently)**

Asking a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your home while you're away is a great idea. Smartphones, tablets and laptops provide access to social media almost anywhere at any time. This is a great way to keep in touch with your house sitter, allowing you to get instant updates and also giving you the option to check in at your convenience.

### **Monitor your home from anywhere**

Your smart phone, tablet or laptop can give you access to home security, monitoring and automation services such as Rogers Smart Home Monitoring. These new systems allow you to stay connected to your home from any smartphone or internet connection. For example, you can adjust the thermostat or turn the lights on from your smartphone. You can also receive real-time alerts about activity in your home, including notifications on water leaks, presence of smoke and entry into your home. Systems with remote video allow you to look in on your home anytime you want and get video alerts to your smartphone.

### **Make sure you're not an easy target**

Make sure that your home looks lived in. For example, if you are away in the winter months, arrange to have your driveway and sidewalks shovelled. You may also want to consider having a neighbour park a vehicle in your driveway.

### **Evaluate options for home security systems**

Traditional security systems will alert the security system provider of a break-in using conventional telephone lines – if the phone line gets cut the system may not work and you may not be able to make or receive phone calls during an alarm. Now there are more options available to Ontarians when it comes to home security, including systems such as Smart Home Monitoring from Rogers that is powered by both a cable and wireless connection and does not require a phone line. This means that if the cable line is cut, the system will stay up and running on the wireless network. In addition, if you have a home phone line, it will still be usable during an alarm.

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