

On Our Way into Summer!

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Patience and courtesy behind the wheel

ON THE ROAD, DO YOU HAVE A TENDANCY TO:

- Use the road shoulder to pass another vehicle in a bottleneck?
- Follow a vehicle close behind?
- Change lanes suddenly without signalling?
- Zigzag between vehicles?

Ever think that such driving habits can be irritating to other motorists?

PUT LUCK ON YOUR SIDE

- Avoid driving when you feel tired or stressed.
- Listen to soothing music, if this calms you.
- Keep to the right lane, except when passing.
- Plan your trips better.

Simple suggestions to avoid overstressing other drivers' patience.



Be Twice as Careful on a Motorcycle

- Make sure you're easily seen by motorists;
- Ride defensively; and
- Reduce your travel speed.



Engine Size Matters

Vehicles from model years 1995 onward equipped with a motor that has a cylinder displacement of 4 litres or more become subject to an additional registration fee. This affects:

- passenger vehicles;
- commercial vehicles;
- motor homes.

Vehicles adapted for transporting a wheelchair-bound person are exempt from the additional fee.

This measure in the 2004-2005 Québec government budget is intended to favour the reduction of tailpipe emissions that pollute and contribute to greenhouse gases.



To find out more, go to: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/vehicle_registration/cylindersize.html



Listen up

This road sign tells you:

- the maximum speed at which vehicles engaged in road work may travel on the road-building site.
- the maximum speed at which all types of vehicles may travel on a road-building site.
- the maximum speed recommended for all types of vehicles on a road-building site.

Answer: The maximum speed at which all types of vehicles may travel on a road-building site.

For more on road signs and traffic signals:
www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/en

Slow down!

Speeding vehicles kill more than 150 people each year and injure 7,000 others. You're not alone on the road... think of others. Think about it!

Check your driving knowledge

If you drink, you can't drive.

party
safely



You plan on attending a party where alcohol will be served. What is the safest way to reduce the risk of involvement in an alcohol-related accident on the way back home?

- Take your vehicle, limit your consumption to a drink an hour, and drive on the way back.
- Ask the person who has had the least drinks to drive you back.
- Take a taxi or use public transit, or have another person pick you up at the end of the evening.

The correct answer is: the safest way is to take a taxi or use public transit, or have another person pick you up at the end of the evening.

Whether you are an **experienced** or **novice driver**, test your driving knowledge by taking the quiz at: www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en

Will you soon be turning 75?



As a driver's licence holder, you must undergo a **medical and vision examination** at age 75, at 80 and then every two years thereafter.

Bicycle Riders, Take Your Helmet, not Chances



Demerit points

Failure to yield the right of way to **pedestrians or cyclists in an intersection** is an offence for which you can be fined. How many demerit points will be entered on the offender's driving record?

ANSWER: 2 POINTS

Remember:

Those points remain on a driving record for **2 years!**



Did you know that...?



Bicycle riders will feel safer if motorists give them a wide berth?

To pass a bicycle without danger:

- make sure there is space and
- encroach on the left lane if you must.

Share the road!

A cartoon illustration of three men standing on a sidewalk. One man is in the foreground, another is in the middle ground, and a third is in the background. They are all wearing blue shirts and glasses. A fire hydrant is visible on the sidewalk. The background is a light blue sky with a white cloud.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS USE THE SIDEWALK?

WHAT IF THERE'S NONE?

WE HAVE TO WALK ON THE EDGE OF THE ROADWAY FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC.

If you're going on vacation this summer...

Anywhere in the world

Whether you're a driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist or motorcyclist, if you're injured in a traffic accident anywhere in the world, you are covered. Thanks to the protection **Québec's public automobile insurance** plan provides, all Quebecers are insured, regardless of fault.

Who handles compensation ...

for bodily injuries?

The SAAQ awards you compensation if you sustain injuries in a road accident.

for property damage?

Your private insurance company compensates for damage to your vehicle.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

A carrier on a car's roof, even when empty, increases fuel consumption.

That's why removing it when not needed is preferable.

During what hours of the day are drivers more vulnerable to fatigue-related accidents?

- Between 1 and 3 p.m. and between 2 and 6 a.m.
- Between 8 a.m. and noon and between 1 and 3 p.m.
- Between 1 and 3 p.m. and between 6 and 10 p.m.

Answer: Between 1 and 3 p.m. and between 2 and 6 a.m. Early afternoon and nighttime hours are the hours where fatigue-related accidents are most likely to occur.



TO CONTACT US

Call Centres

Monday through Friday

General information: from 8 am to 5:30 pm

Accident victims' compensation: 8:30 am to 5 pm

Phone

(514) 873-7620 in Montréal;

(418) 643-7620 in Québec (city and vicinity);

or

1-800-361-7620, toll free, from elsewhere
in Québec, Canada and USA.

Automated telephone response

Outside of Call Centre office hours, do not
hesitate to use our automated telephone
response system.

Monday through Friday, from 7:30 to 8:00 am
and from 5:30 to 11 pm

Saturday, from 7:30 am to 11 pm

Sunday, from noon to 11 pm

During Call Centre hours of operation, people
can also access services using the automated
response system.

You can, without charge:

- Make, change, check or cancel an appointment for a driving test – knowledge or road test
- Cancel your driver's licence
- Notify us of storage of your vehicle
- Order a copy of your driving record
- Find out the location and business hours of SAAQ service centres

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is enclosed when you receive a payment notice to renew the following:

- driver's licence;
- vehicle registration.

To consult the **electronic editions** of all issues in PDF, go to:
www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/infosaaq

Read on!



QUICK 'N' EASY!

Go to www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en to conduct
these operations online:

- Have your **change of address** recorded
- Make, change, check or cancel an **appointment for a driving test – knowledge or road test**
- **Pay for renewal of:**
 - your driver's licence
 - your vehicle registration
 - your disabled parking permit
- Check the **validity of a driver's licence**
- Check if a **vehicle can be licensed**
- Order a **copy of your driving record**
- Notify us of **storage of your vehicle**
- Have your **vehicle removed from storage** and licensed for road use
- Notify us of **vehicle discarding**

These services are available online:

Monday through Saturday, from 7 am to 11 pm and Sunday, from noon to 11 pm

Moving?

Have your address change recorded using
SAAQcl:ic Online Services or by phone.

FINE
\$ **30**
\$ **60**

Failure to notify the SAAQ of your change of address
within 30 days of moving can result in a **fine**.

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