

## Spring...ing Safely!



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### Anywhere in the world

Whether you're a **driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist, moped rider or motorcyclist**, do you know that you are covered if you're injured in a traffic accident anywhere in the world?

Thanks to the protection **Québec's public automobile insurance plan** provides, all Quebecers are insured, regardless of fault.

#### Who handles compensation?

- If you are injured, it is the SAAQ.
- If the vehicle is damaged, it is your private insurance company.

To find out more about Québec's public automobile insurance plan, go to:  
[www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/accident\\_victim/](http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/accident_victim/)

### Look out, it's red!

If you're **meeting or following** a school bus with its red lights flashing or stop sign extended, what must you do?

You are required to stop your vehicle at least **5 metres** away from the bus.

Should you fail to stop your vehicle or pass a school bus with its red lights flashing or stop sign extended, you are liable:

- for a fine between **\$200 and \$300** and
- to have **9 demerit points** entered on your driving record.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

If the roadway is **separated by a median**, you are **not required to stop your vehicle** when meeting a school bus with its red lights flashing or stop sign extended.



## Are you pulling a trailer?

Do it safely, ensure that:

- the coupling system and safety chains are in good condition, firmly attached and used correctly;
- your vehicle and trailer are in good operating condition and have been inspected by a professional.



## Slow down!

Speeding vehicles kill more than 150 people each year and injure some 7,000 others. On the road, before accelerating, think about it!



## Will be 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.



## A modified driver's licence



To improve the **quality and security** of its products, the SAAQ has made recent improvements to driver's licences, probationary licences and taxi driver licences.

Your new licence has the benefit of:

- a new more durable material and
- superior print quality.

## ARE THE DAYS OF YOUR VEHICLE NUMBERED?

Donate your car to  
The Kidney Foundation  
of Canada's  
Kidney-Car Program.

To find the Kidney-Car  
number for your region:

- call 1 888 228-8673;
- or
- go to  
[www.kidneyquebec.ca](http://www.kidneyquebec.ca)

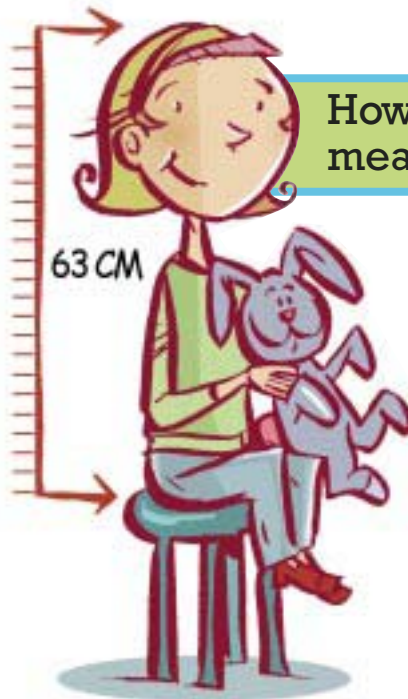
### Demerit points

How many demerit points could  
be entered on your driving record  
if you **fail to bring your vehicle  
to a stop at a stop sign?**

**ANSWER: 3 POINTS**

**Remember:**

Those points remain on your  
driving record **for 2 years.**



### How does your child measure up?

Measured from the buttocks to the top  
of the head in a sitting position,

- if your child comes in **under 63 cm**:  
he/she must be placed in a **safety seat**,  
suitable in terms of your child's height  
and weight, on the rear seat of your  
vehicle;
- if your child is at least **63 cm in height**:  
he/she must be restrained by one of the  
**seat belts** on your vehicle's rear seat.

**Don't forget to measure your child regularly.**

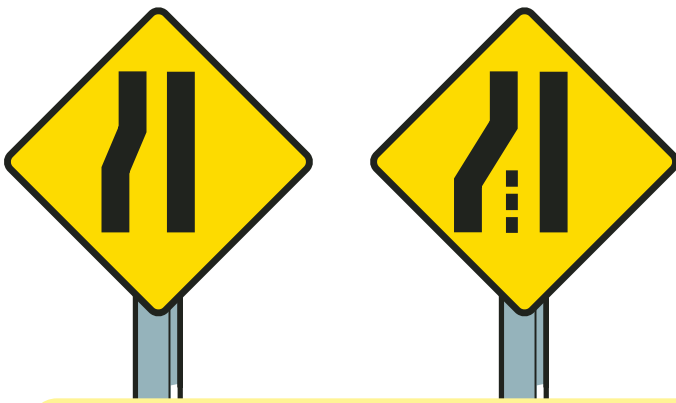
### COURTESY ON THE ROAD



### ARE YOU BEING TAILGATED?

- Remain calm;
- Be prepared to act if a  
tailgater decides to overtake  
your vehicle on a hazardous  
stretch of the road;
- As soon as the situation  
permits, slow down and allow  
the driver to pass.



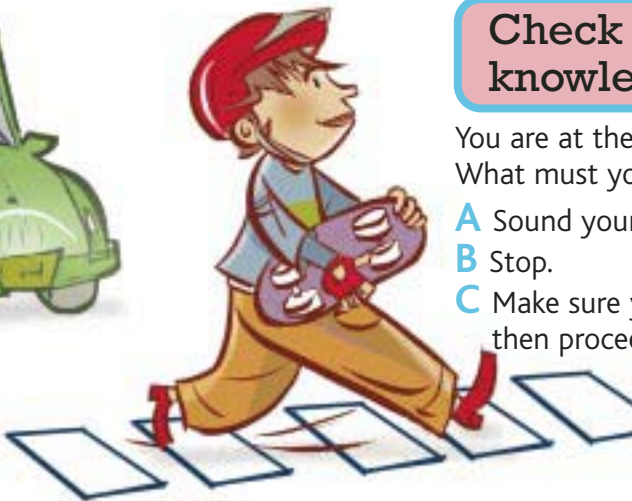


Do you know the difference between these two signs?

- A First sign indicates that the left lane merges with the right lane and second sign indicates that the far left lane merges with the middle lane.
- B First sign indicates that the road narrows without the loss of a lane and second sign indicates the loss of a lane.
- C There is no difference; both signs indicate that the roadway narrows from two lanes to one.

The correct answer is B. First sign indicates that the road narrows without the loss of a lane and second sign indicates the loss of a lane.

For more on road signs and traffic signals: [www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/en](http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/en)



### Check your driving knowledge

You are at the wheel of the vehicle. What must you do in this situation?

- A Sound your horn.
- B Stop.
- C Make sure you have been seen, then proceed.

The correct answer is B. Stop. Under the *Highway Safety Code* you are required to stop to let pedestrians cross.

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

# SPRING HAS SPRUNG! SHARE THE ROAD.

## THE TWO-WHEELERS ARE **BACK!**



Car drivers, keep a keen eye out for motorcycles, motorized scooters and bicycles, now that spring is here.

**Be on the lookout!**



This spring, before you take your motorcycle out on the road, make sure you review operating techniques.

Yes. And since it's a new one, I'll be taking the time needed to get to know it well, starting with short rides.

### REMEMBER

On a motorcycle or scooter just as in a car, if you drink, you can't drive.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

2 demerit points could be entered on your driving record if, as a car driver, you fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicycle riders at in intersection.



Bicycle riders, take your helmet, not chances.

In the event of an accident, a helmet will absorb the impact and distribute this over its surface rather than your head.

Always wear your helmet when riding.

## 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

### Automated telephone response

(toll free)

Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 to 11 pm

Sunday, from noon to 11 pm

- 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 outlets.

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

24 hours, 7 days a week

- Check that a vehicle can be licensed before:
  - its sale to an individual;
  - its purchase from an individual;
- check that a prospective driver's licence is valid before lending or renting your vehicle.

**One number: 1 900 565-1212 (\$1.50 per call)**

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## ALSO ON THE WEB

The *info SAAQ* newsletter is published quarterly. The latest issue is enclosed when you receive a payment notice to renew the following:

- driver's licence;
- vehicle registration.

Want to check an item in a back issue? Go to:

[www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/infosaaq](http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/infosaaq)

Read on!



### QUICK 'N' EASY!

Go to [www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en](http://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** (if you are a member of the Caisses Desjardins or a client of the National Bank of Canada) of your:
  - driver's licence;
  - vehicle registration;
  - 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

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