OPERATION LOOKOUT
AND
R.I.D.E.
The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto is dedicated to eliminating Impaired Driving. You can choose to participate in the OPERATION LOOKOUT® program and report an Impaired Driver.

YOU CAN ALSO:

- Set an example for others
- Be a designated driver
- Promote zero alcohol driving
- Be a responsible party host

WHEN YOU SEE AN IMPAIRED DRIVER IN METROPOLITAN TORONTO

DIAL 808-RIDE (808-7433)

OR BY CELLULAR PHONE

DIAL *DWI (*394)

Have the following information ready:

- location and travelling direction of the suspected impaired driver and the time of your observation.
- the licence plate number, make, model and colour of vehicle.
- description of the driver

The Metropolitan Toronto Police consider all impaired driving calls a “number 1 priority” and will respond accordingly. Be conscious of your safety. Avoid creating a
situation that is more dangerous than the one you are trying to prevent. Obey all traffic laws and let common sense prevail. Whatever the situation, do not try to apprehend the suspect yourself.

**How To Spot An Impaired Driver**

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

- Driving unreasonably fast, slow, or at inconsistent speeds.
- Tailgating and changing lanes frequently at excessive speeds.
- Passing with insufficient clearance, excessive swerving when overtaking and immediately slowing down.
- “Overshooting” or disregarding traffic control signs or signals.
- Approaching signals or leaving intersections too quickly or very slowly.
- Driving at night without lights, or waiting to turn lights on when starting from a parked position.
- Failing to dim high beams to oncoming traffic.
- Driving in low gear for no apparent reason or repeatedly clashing gears.
- Driving with windows open in very cold 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.
Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated is a serious offence which often results in tragedy.

It is important for you to report the impaired driver to a local law enforcement agency as soon as you see them. OPERATION LOOKOUT is a community based anti-drinking and driving program that provides you with this opportunity. By becoming involved, you are making the roads safer for everyone.

Many businesses in the community, such as gas stations, coffee shops and confectioneries are locations where impaired drivers may stop. As a responsible business operator, this gives you the opportunity to report this individual to the police. By becoming involved, you may save someone’s life. It would be sad to think that you had the opportunity to save a life and you didn’t.

Today, it is the hard core, repeat offender who is the problem driver. These drivers must learn that their behaviour will not be tolerated in our community. Displaying the OPERATION LOOKOUT@ poster in your place of business will go a long way towards changing the behaviour and attitudes of those who still have not got the message.

Your local police service and the OPERATION LOOKOUT@ committee challenge you to become involved, either as a Concerned Citizen, a Business Operator or as a Corporate Sponsor.

We thank you for your support in participating.
We know you want to help in the fight to keep our roads safe.

**Criminal Offences**

It is a criminal offence for a person to operate or have care or control of a motor vehicle, boat, railway equipment or aircraft while their ability to do so is impaired by alcohol or drugs. It is also a criminal offence to operate or have care or control if you have more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The Criminal Code gives a police officer the power to demand a breath sample from suspected impaired drivers and, in limited circumstances, to demand blood samples.

**Penalties**

Should you choose to violate the Criminal Code in relation to drinking and driving sections, the following are the minimum penalties you can anticipate upon conviction.

First offence: $300.00 fine and one year driving suspension.

Second offence: 14 days imprisonment and a 2 year driving suspension.

If the crown elects trial by Summary Conviction, the maximum penalty for a first second or subsequent offence is a $2000.00 fine, a six month imprisonment and a three year driving suspension.

If the crown elects trial by indictment, the maximum penalty is a 5 year imprisonment and a 3 year driving suspension.
Should you injure someone as a result of driving while impaired, the maximum penalty is 10 years in jail and a 10 year driving suspension. Should your actions kill someone then the penalty is 14 years in jail and a ten year driving suspension.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LICENCE SUSPENSION**

An Administrative Licence Suspension is the immediate suspension by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the licence of a driver who registers a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) over the statutory limit of 80 milligrams or who fails or refuses to provide a breath sample. The suspension lasts for a period of 90 days.

**THE INTOXILYZER**

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Service is the first in Canada to use the Intoxilyzer® 5000C manufactured by CM1 Inc., of Owensboro, Kentucky.

This computerized breath testing instrument uses a common analytical forensic technique known as infrared spectroscopy and, is recognised and used worldwide.

Benefits of using this instrument include: automatic operation, microprocessor controlled, environmentally friendly (no chemicals), rapid testing digital display, tamper proof printout at time of testing detection of interfering substance, self diagnostic system to detect any malfunctions, instant shut off if malfunction detected, and data storage for prompt court and record collection.

The Attorney General of Ontario has equipped the Metropolitan Toronto Police with audiovisual taping equipment to record
interaction between officers and arrested persons during a breath testing session. These video-tapes can be used in court to reinforce the police officer’s observations of the suspect’s physical condition as well as recording the sessions sequence of events.

The Intoxilyzer was developed to:
- ensure efficiency and credibility of alcohol testing
- increase enforcement of drinking and driving offences
- simplify the procedure
- improve successful prosecution of drinking drivers
- provide a viable statistical database
- determine problem areas and solutions
- save lives

Why Take A Chance and Risk A Life When You Can Choose Not To Drink and Drive?

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TRAFFIC SERVICES (416) 808-7220

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The R.I.D.E. Program (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) originated in Etobicoke, Ontario, in 1977 as a community policing effort to address increasing public concern about drinking and driving. Since its introduction, the R.I.D.E. Program has spread nationwide to become the most effective traffic safety program to date.

Spot checks are operated throughout the year with special emphasis during the festive and Summer holidays. Statistics indicate the R.I.D.E. Program has reduced the number of impaired drivers on the roads today.

The R.I.D.E. Program is the police and the community working to save lives and prevent tragedies.

**THINK ABOUT IT**

Imagine that from this very moment, you could not operate a motor vehicle for one year, how would you get to your place of employment? Does your employment require you to operate a motor vehicle? Who will drive other members of your family when required? Would you be embarrassed if your friends and family knew about your conviction? You only had a few drinks. That doesn’t make you a criminal. Or does it?

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