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CAA MANITOBA OFFERS TIPS TO MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON THE HIGHWAY THIS WEEKEND

This May long weekend, many Manitobans are expected to hit the highway to open up cottages, go camping or grab some deals south of the border.

But before Manitobans head for the open road, CAA Manitoba is offering a few tips for motorists to ensure the safety of all road users:

- 1. Move over for vehicles at the side of the road.** By law, all motorists must SLOW DOWN and MOVE OVER for emergency vehicles, including tow trucks.

If the posted speed limit is 80 km/h or higher, drivers must slow down to 60 km/h. If the speed limit is less than 80 km/h, motorists are required to slow down to 40 km/h. In Manitoba, motorists can face a fine of \$300 and two demerits when failing to do so.

- 2. Pack your vehicle properly.** Make sure all items outside the vehicle are secured, and items inside your vehicle don't obscure your views of the rear and side of our vehicle.
- 3. Check over your vehicle and trailers.** Do a quick test to make sure all your lights are working, both on your vehicle and any trailer being hauled. Ensure you have adequate amounts of coolant and washer fluid, and your tires are properly inflated.
- 4. Keep your mind and eyes on the road.** Don't let anything hinder your ability to operate your vehicle, like alcohol, drugs or even your cellphone.

"Many of us are excited to head out of the city this weekend," says Angèle Faucher, CAA Manitoba's Public and Government Affairs Coordinator. "Following these simple rules will help each of us reach our destination safely."

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