

CAA MANITOBA SHARES MAY LONG WEEKEND TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Drivers reminded to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles

WINNIPEG, May 20, 2016 – With Environment Canada forecasting sunny skies for the majority of the May long weekend, CAA Manitoba shares a few important tips for motorists to ensure the safety of all road users over the holidays.

“Many Manitobans look forward to heading out to the lake or to enjoy some shopping across the border over Victoria Day. But road trip safety is more than just checking your battery and tires before you hit the highway,” said Erika Miller, Public and Media Relations Specialist for CAA Manitoba.

1. Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.

By law, all drivers must slow down and move over for emergency vehicles, including tow trucks, on the highway.

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 79 km/h, motorists are required to reduce their speed to 40 km/h. In Manitoba, drivers can face a fine of \$300 and two demerits if they fail to slow down and move over.

2. Keep your eyes and mind on the road.

Don't let anything hinder your ability to operate your vehicle, like your cellphone, alcohol or drugs.

3. Pack your vehicle properly.

Make sure all items outside the vehicle are secured, and items inside your vehicle don't obscure your rear and side views.

4. Check over your car 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.

CAA Manitoba reminds Members they can download the free CAA mobile app to map a route before they head out, find the lowest gas prices on the go, and request roadside assistance or find an Approved Auto Repair facility near them.

“We can all help each other have a fun and safe weekend by remembering to drive courteously.”

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