

Move over and keep right while driving

Caledon OPP are reminding motorists they are supposed to keep to the right as much as possible when driving on four-lane roads, such as Highway 10.

On such roads, the left lane is known as the 'passing lane,' according to a statement issued by Inspector Rose DiMarco, detachment commander. Drivers should use this lane just to pass slower traffic and then get back into the driving lane.

'We have all been behind 'those drivers' that just sit in the passing lane with an apparent 'not a care in the world' attitude, no matter how many cars are lined up behind them,' she stated. 'This can cause frustration for the other drivers who may ultimately take unnecessary chances to pass in unsafe locations and at high rate of speeds.'

She added that police can lay a charge of failing to keep right when driving at less than normal speed. 'Normal speed can best be described as the 'normal flow of traffic,' she stated.

Provisions in the Highway Traffic Act state that 'Any vehicle travelling upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at that time and place shall, where practicable, be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway.'

Violations of this can carry a \$110 fine and three demerit points.

'So the next time you are travelling on a multi-lane highway, in order to ensure the safe and unobstructed flow of traffic, please use the left lane for passing only and then move back into the right lane,' DiMarco urged. 'Traffic flow will remain constant and smooth and everyone will all reach their destination safely.'