

Police to focus on seatbelts this holiday weekend

From tomorrow (Friday) to Monday, Caledon OPP will be participating in a Provincial Traffic Safety Initiative focusing on seat belts.

Road users should expect to see a greater volume of traffic in the Caledon area over the upcoming Easter long weekend. This makes it a particularly important weekend for all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained within a vehicle, regardless of how short the trip is. Drivers are responsible for ensuring all passengers younger than 16 years of age are using a seatbelt or child safety seat properly.

There are a number of offences involved in not using seatbelts properly, which carry penalties of fines and demerit points, such as:

- ? Driving with a seat belt that's removed, inoperative or modified (\$240 fine).
- ? Driving and failing to properly wear seat belt (\$240 fine and two points).
- ? Being a passenger who fails to occupy position with seat belt (\$240 fine).
- ? Being a passenger who fails to properly wear seat belt (\$240 fine).
- ? Driving with a passenger younger than 16 who fails to occupy a position with seat belt (\$240 fine and two points), or who fails to properly wear a seat belt (\$240 fine and two points).
- ? Driving while a child passenger is not properly secured (\$240 fine).

Over the long weekend, Caledon OPP officers will also be looking for other types of aggressive driving behaviour, including distracted driving, drinking and driving, and speeding, in addition to seat belt compliance.