



LATE BREAKING NEWS – LATE BREAKING NEWS

Toronto City Council Votes to Regulate Uber

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, Toronto City Council voted in favour of amending the Toronto Municipal Code to explicitly state that technology based companies, including Uber, fall under the existing-regulatory framework for taxis and limousines and must have a brokerage license to operate.

At the same time, Council also voted to amend the Municipal Code to explicitly state that licensed brokers can only connect passengers with municipally-licensed taxicabs and limousines, effectively banning Uber X in which part-time drivers pick up fares using their personal vehicles.

In addition to the changes to the Municipal Code, City Council also voted in favour of a Mayor Tory motion directing Municipal Licensing officials to deliver a framework which “equitably” regulates “all ground transportation providers”, including Uber, and to launch consultations on those regulations “to ensure a level playing field” with the conventional taxi industry. Council approved the Mayor’s motion in a 32-21 vote.

Council then voted to ask Uber to stop operating in the interim. Immediately following the vote, and to nobody's surprise, Uber Canada’s General Manager said they have no intention of complying with Council's request.

Municipal Licensing staff is not expected to report back to Council on potential regulations until Spring 2016, creating a situation in which Uber, at least for now, is technically illegal. In the meantime, the taxi industry waits for the final regulations that will hopefully “level the playing field”.

Council also voted in favour of the staff proposal to reduce the starting cost (meter drop rate) of a cab fare from \$4.25 to \$3.25, effective November 1, 2015; as well as, the issuance of an additional one-hundred (100) Toronto Taxi Licenses (TTL's) commencing November 1st, 2015.

In other matters, Council considered the item that addressed reinstating the Standard taxicab regulations in force prior to July 1, 2014. Council voted to receive this item for information. No further action will be taken on this item.

A.T.T.C.L. SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

DRIVER PROFILE



BEDRI ADUS

Congratulations to Bedri Adus!

Recipient of the A.T.T.C.L. Service Excellence Award!

Mr. Bedri Adus (TTL #4072) recently received a letter from the City of Toronto complimenting him for providing excellent service to a customer that he served on August 17, 2015. The City of Toronto also extended its congratulations to Mr. Adus for professionally representing the taxicab owners of the City.

Bedri, originally from Ethiopia, immigrated to Canada in 1987. He has been driving a taxicab in the city for the past 19 years and has been providing superior customer service for the past eleven months while driving a Co-op Cab.

Bedri will receive \$50 from A.T.T.C.L. for his exemplary customer service. Well done!

ANNUAL A.T.T.C.L. BBQ

The 3rd Annual A.T.T.C.L. (Co-op / Crown) Barbeque was held at the Crown Taxi facility, 789 Warden Ave., on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

The event was very successful as many drivers/owners and family members attended throughout the day. The weather was perfect and everybody had a great time!

Special thanks are extended to Mirza, Nayeem and Bilal for organizing the event and to the many volunteers who spent hours cooking for the guests.



REMINDER: WINTER TIRES TO BE INSTALLED BY DECEMBER 1, 2015



All City of Toronto taxicabs are required to have four (4) snow tires installed from December 1st to March 15th each year, in accordance with Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-144.4. Snow tires must display the pictograph (left) to comply with the by-law.

MAKING ONTARIO'S ROADS SAFER, 2015 (Bill 31)

Effective September 1, 2015, Ontario drivers face changes on the road that include a stiffer set of penalties for distracted driving, and new rules to help protect pedestrians, cyclists and tow truck drivers.

Quick Facts:

- If current collision trends continue, fatalities from distracted driving may exceed those from drinking and driving by 2016.
- According to recent statistics, over 45 per cent of drivers killed in Ontario were found to have drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol in their system.
- Pedestrians represent about one in five motor vehicle-related fatalities on Ontario roads — 46 per cent of which occurred at intersections.

Distracted Driving Legislation

Drivers convicted of distracted driving now face a minimum fine of \$490 and three demerit points with the maximum set at \$1,000. The previous minimum was a \$280 fine in Ontario. In addition, there are escalating sanctions on convictions for novice drivers.



Cyclists Safety Legislation –“Dooring”

Motorists who open their doors without looking, causing cyclists to crash into them, now face a minimum fine of \$365 and three demerit points. The previous minimum fines were \$60 to \$500, according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. “Dooring” occurs when a driver or passenger in a parked vehicle opens a door without first checking and, as a result, hits a cyclist.



Cyclists Safety Legislation – “Passing Cyclists”

Ontario drivers must leave at least one metre of space when passing cyclists where possible, or face a minimum fine of \$110 and two demerit points.

The fine increases to \$180 if motorists don't leave enough space when passing cyclists in a community safety zone.

One metre distance requirement refers to the distance between the extreme right side of the motor vehicle and the extreme left side of the bicycle, including all projections and attachments.

Cyclists Safety Legislation – Miscellaneous

Bicycles are now permitted to be ridden or operated along a crosswalk.

Bicycles are now permitted to be ridden or operated on the paved shoulder of a highway that is divided into two separate roadways.

Cyclists who ride without proper bike lights and reflectors now face a minimum fine of \$110, up from \$20.

Impaired Driving — Drugs or Drugs and Alcohol

Current alcohol-impaired sanctions now apply to drivers who are drug impaired.



Slow Down, Move Over Legislation – Tow Trucks

Slow Down, Move Over Legislation now includes tow trucks stopped at the side of the highway with their amber lights flashing. This is in addition to emergency vehicles with red, or red and blue lights flashing.

Motorists are required to slow down and, if possible, change lanes when they drive by emergency vehicles and tow trucks stopped at the side of the road.

Drivers who don't slow down or move over will face a minimum fine of \$490 and a penalty of 3 demerit points upon conviction.

Pedestrian Crossover Legislation

Drivers are now required to remain stopped at a pedestrian crossover or school crossing until the person crossing the street and the school crossing guard are off the roadway.

When a pedestrian is crossing on the roadway within a pedestrian crossover, the driver of a vehicle approaching the crossover:

- shall stop before entering the crossover;
- shall not overtake another vehicle already stopped at the crossover; and
- shall not proceed into the crossover until the pedestrian is no longer on the roadway.



A.T.T.C.L. HAS TWO WHEEL-TRANS CONTRACTS (WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND SEDAN SERVICES)

TO OBTAIN THE WHEEL-TRANS CERTIFICATION:

- Drivers must successfully complete the one-day A.T.T.C.L. Driver Orientation and Special Needs Training Course. The course also covers Wheel-Trans policies and procedures.
- Upon successful completion of the course, drivers will be issued a Wheel-Trans Training Certificate, and will then be eligible to receive Wheel-Trans orders.
- Drivers are required to provide a vulnerable sector police check.
- Drivers can register for the course at either the Co-op or Crown offices.
- Classes are held at 130 Rivalda Rd., A.T.T.C.L. training room every 2nd Tuesday.
- Class times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS



The Canadian Automobile Association has partnered with Transport Canada to create a brochure listing winter driving safety tips that all drivers need to know. The brochure, called “You, Your Vehicle and Winter Driving,” is a handy guide that includes information about how Canadians can make their vehicles winter-ready, how to prepare for and drive in bad weather, and what to pack in a winter survival kit. The downloadable guide is full of helpful safety tips, and can be printed out and kept in your glovebox. <http://www.caa.ca/working-for-you/safe-driving/winter-driving/>

Winter driving can be risky, so be prepared. Extreme winter weather conditions pose unique challenges and safety risks for most Canadian drivers. To help you prepare for winter driving, the following tips are provided.

1. Get your vehicle ready for winter in the fall.

Have a routine oil change, switch to a winter washer fluid and make sure all fluids are topped off. It's recommended that windshield wipers be replaced every six-months

2. Install four matching winter tires. Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-144.4.

3. Pack an emergency kit.

It's always wise to have an emergency kit in the trunk in case of problems. In winter, the emergency kit needs extra equipment i.e., shovel, snowbrush, scraper, traction aids or abrasive materials, and winter windshield wiper fluid. All of these items should be added to those you keep in your vehicle for the rest of the year.

For your safety, you should always have reflective triangles or a reflective vest, a battery-free flashlight, some tools, a first-aid kit, a warm blanket and non-perishable food on board in the event of a breakdown in a remote area.

4. Learn and practice winter driving techniques before you need them.

- Practice everyday safe driving - buckle up, adjust your speed to the driving conditions, stay alert, take periodic breaks and pull over to make and receive phone calls. In addition, take extra precautions in winter - increase your following distance!
- Drive with your headlights on.
- When the roads are icy, slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Allow sufficient room for maintenance vehicles and plows, stay at least 15 car lengths back from the vehicle in front of you.

- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges, even when the rest of the road seems to be in good condition. Avoiding sudden manoeuvres and adjusting your speed to the weather conditions are the basic rules of safe winter driving. But there are also specific conditions you need to watch out for.

A roadway may appear dry, but be covered in so-called black ice. Invisible on the road surface, this ice usually forms when the temperature is hovering around 0°C. Bridges, overpasses and underpasses are all areas where these nasty patches of ice can spell trouble for the inattentive motorist.

When leaving the city to drive into a rural area, road conditions can change suddenly from dry to snow or ice-covered. The careful driver will reduce speed in this situation, to avoid surprises caused by radically reduced tire adherence.

- If you're stuck in snow, straighten the wheel and accelerate slowly. Add sand or cat litter under the drive wheels to avoid spinning the tires.
- If your tires lose traction, continue to look and steer in the direction you want to go. If the drive wheels start to spin or slide while going up a hill, ease off the accelerator slightly and then gently resume speed.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. The actions of drivers ahead will alert you to problems and give you extra seconds to react.
- Avoid cutting in front of trucks. They need more time to stop than passenger vehicles.
- Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.
- Remember that four-wheel or all-wheel drive helps you to get going more quickly, but it won't help you stop any faster.
- If you have anti-lock brakes, apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal when braking.

5. Plan your trip, check road and weather conditions. (<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>)

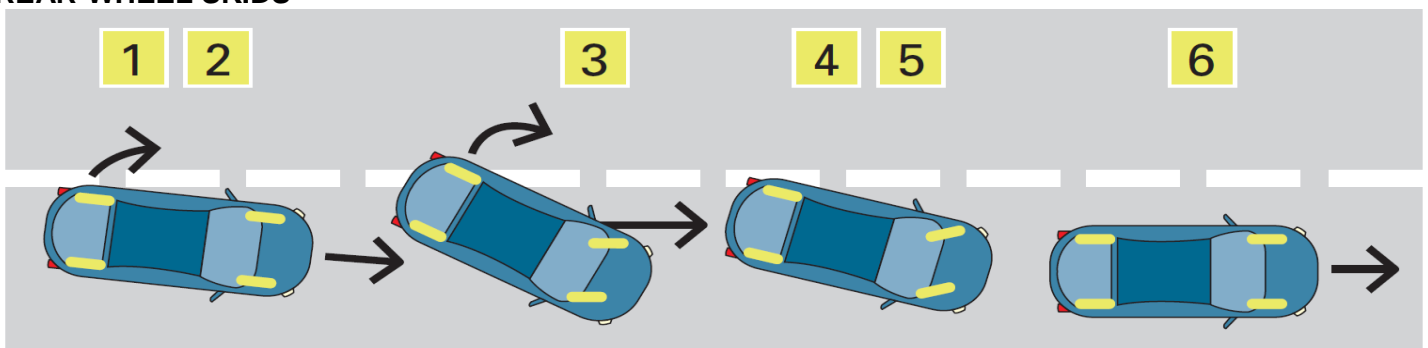
6. Remove all snow from your vehicle before each trip. "See and be seen" is always the rule.

7. Give yourself extra travel time in bad weather.

9. Travel with a fully charged cell phone.

10. SLOW DOWN and wear your seatbelt.

REAR-WHEEL SKIDS

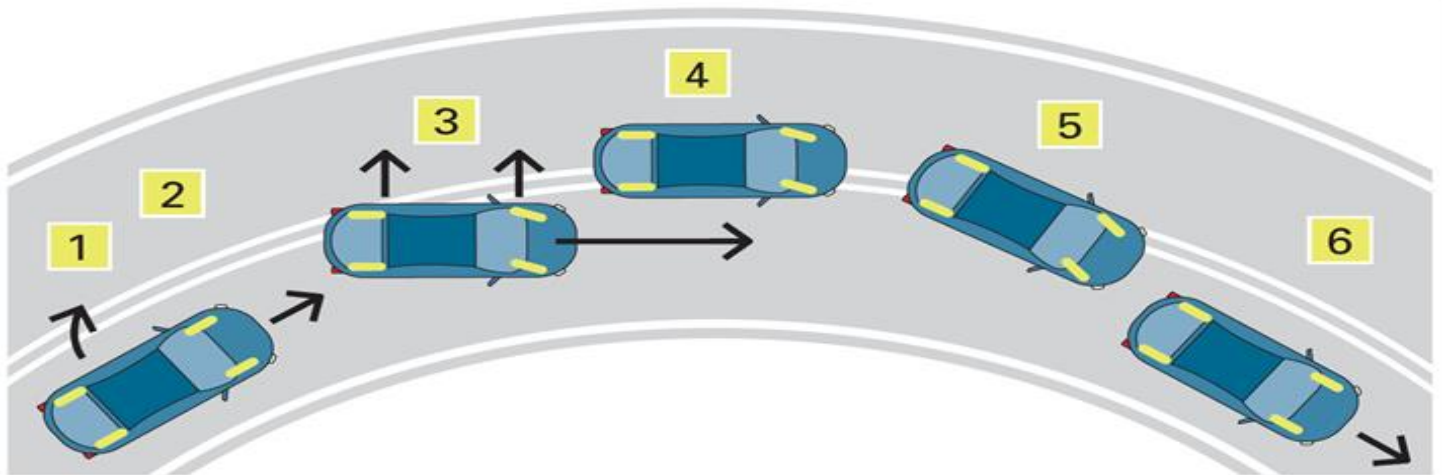


A skid occurs when the rear wheels lock or lose traction. To regain steering control:

1. Take your foot off the brake pedal, if hard braking causes the rear wheels to skid.
2. Ease off the gas pedal if the rear wheels lose traction.
3. Shift to neutral (automatic) or push in the clutch pedal (standard).
4. Look down the road in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go, and be aware of the vehicle and how it is responding to your steering.

5. To regain control, steer gently in the direction you want to go.
6. Once the vehicle is straight, return to a driving gear.
7. Accelerate gently.
8. Drive at a safe speed.

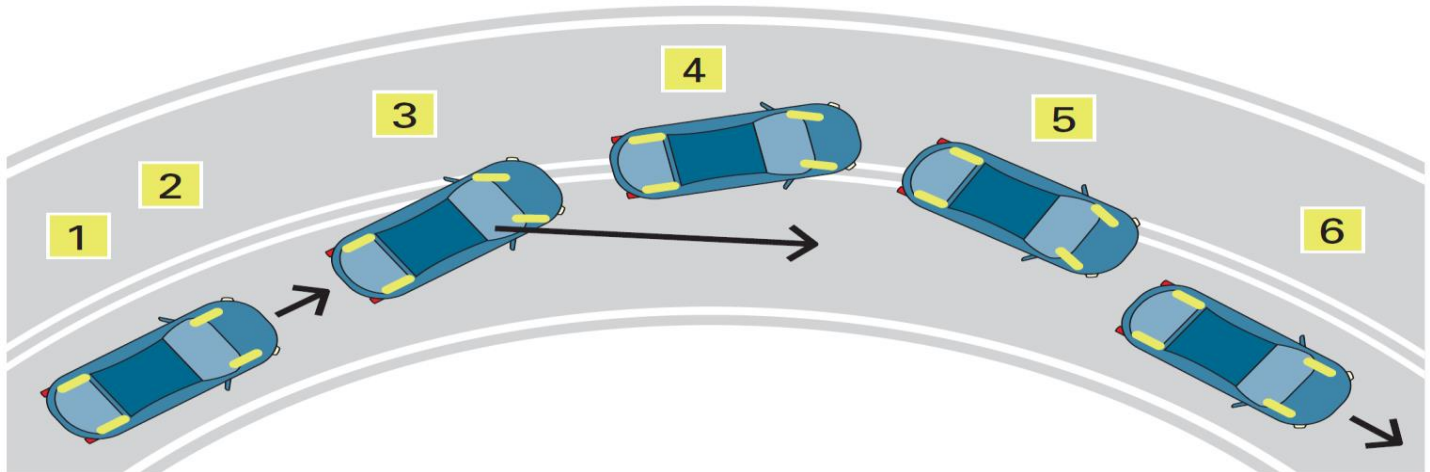
FRONT-WHEEL SKIDS



Front-wheel skids are caused by hard braking, acceleration or by driving too fast for the road conditions. You can't steer when the front wheels lose traction. To regain steering control:

1. Release the brake if the front wheels skid from hard braking.
2. Ease off the gas pedal if the front wheels lose traction.
3. Shift to neutral (automatic) or push in the clutch (standard).
4. Wait for the front wheels to grip the road again.
5. Select drive (automatic) or release the clutch (standard).
6. Accelerate gently.

FOUR-WHEEL SKIDS



Sometimes all four wheels lose traction – generally at high speeds or under poor road conditions. To regain steering control:

1. Remove your foot from the brake or accelerator.
2. Shift into neutral.
3. Look and steer in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.
4. Wait for the wheels to grip the road again.
5. Return to a driving gear.
6. Drive at a safe speed.

UPCOMING EVENTS: OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015



Oct. 1 - 2: The National Job Fair & Training Expo - North Building

Oct. 3: Newcomers Toronto Fair - North Building

Oct. 3: Nikah Bridal Convention - South Building

Oct. 4: Study and Go Abroad Fair Fall 2015 - North Building

Oct. 13 - 17: Creativ Festival 2015 - North Building

Oct. 15: Small Business Forum 2015 - South Building



Oct. 3 - 4: Scotiabank Nuit Blanche - Downtown Toronto

Oct. 4: Nitro Circus - Air Canada Centre

Oct. 14 - 18: imageNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival - TIFF Bell Lighthouse and various locations

Oct. 17: The Miniature Enthusiasts of Toronto - The Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre - 6 Garamond Court

Oct. 16 - 19: National Women's Show 2015 - South Building

Oct. 17 - 18: Student Life Expo 2015 - South Building

Oct. 30 - Nov. 4: Health Achieve 2015 - North Building

Nov. 4 - 5: Global Talent Summit - South Building

Nov. 6 - 8: The Babytime Show 2015 - North Building

Oct. 17 - Nov. 8: Toronto Chocolate Festival - various venues

Oct. 22: The International Festival of Authors - Harbourfront Centre

Oct. 23 - 26: Art Toronto - Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Oct. 30 - Jan. 24: Andy Warhol: Stars of the Silver Screen - TIFF Bell Lighthouse

Nov. 7 - 8: Enbridge CN Tower Climb for United Way - North Building

Nov. 10 - 11: ProFusion 2015 - North Building

Nov. 19 - 22: Gourmet Food & Wine Expo 2015 - North Building

Nov. 25: GoodLife Fitness and Health Wellness Leadership Summit - South Building

Nov. 28: Whole Life Expo 2015 - North Building

For all events at the MTCC visit:
www.mtccc.com/attendees/events.aspx

Nov. 6 - 9: Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Week - Hockey Hall of Fame

Nov. 6 - 15: The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - Exhibition Place

Nov. 27 - Dec. 20: The Toronto Christmas Market - The Distillery Historic District

Dec. 31: A very Gatsby New Years at the Forth - The Forth - 629 Danforth Ave

For all Tourism Toronto events, visit:
www.seetorontonow.com



Oct. 15 - 18: Toronto Snow Show

Oct. 16 - 18: The Toronto Fall RV Show & Sale

Oct. 17 - 18 Craftadian Fall Show

Oct. 23 - 25: The Fall Cottage Life Show

Oct. 23 - 25: The 28th Annual Toronto International Snowmobile ATV Power Sports Show

Oct. 23 - 25: National Bridal Show

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1: Toronto Fall Classic Car Auction

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1: GTA Fall Psychic Fair & Expo

Nov. 4 - 7: Woodworking Machinery & Supply Conference & Expo

Nov. 6 - 8: National Postage Stamp Show

Nov. 6 - 8: Sports card & Memorabilia Expo

Nov. 20 - 22: Season's Christmas Show

Nov. 27 - 29: Caledon Kennel Association and Royal Canine Dog Show

Dec. 6: Motor City Cars & Parts Flea Market

For all events at the International Centre visit: <http://www.internationalcentre.com>



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