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Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin



Drunk Driving - What To Do?

Drinking and driving continues to be a big issue in Mississauga. Taking a look at @PeelPoliceMedia on Twitter shows that drunk drivers aren't just out Saturday nights, but on Tuesday mornings - at any time or place. In Peel in 2014 there were 1,461 impaired driving incidents (Data from Peel Police). It's a sad reality that impacts the safety of the roads in our neighbourhoods, especially with children playing outside. Here's what to do:

- #1** If you notice a car driving erratically, swerving, or behaving strangely, it is important you make distance between you and the car immediately.
- #2** If it's safe to do, take note of the licence plate if possible, and the make and colour of the car. Do NOT follow the car.
- #3** Pull over in a safe location and immediately call 9-1-1. Peel Police will ask for information on the car, and the direction/road it is travelling on.
- #4** Pat yourself on the back! If Peel Police needs more information, they'll contact you - otherwise you've made a big impact in ensuring our roads are safe. It's better to be safe than sorry, and if the person is just a bad driver, maybe it's time they return to driving school!



Want more information on Ontario's laws? Visit:
www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/impaired-driving.shtml

Remember these useful numbers!

- 9-1-1** ----- If you need police, ambulance, or fire services in an emergency, or if you see any crime occurring.
- 905-453-3311** ----- If you want to report a crime after the fact, and you are not in danger. This number can also be used to get in contact with specific units and divisions for general inquiries.
Twitter: @PeelPoliceMedia
- 905-453-2121 x 4021** ----- If you want to speak to an officer who specializes in crime prevention, or sign up for academies/seminars offered by PRP, call Crime Prevention Services.
Twitter: @PeelCrimePrev

After you report to Peel Police, let me know!



I'll send an email to residents in your Watch with the information so they're aware and on the look out. They might have information to contribute, as well.



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