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CAA Reminds Motorists: Please Drive Safe this Labour Day Long Weekend

The final long weekend of the summer is fast approaching and for many Saskatchewan families this means road trip time. CAA has some driving tips to help all motorists and their families stay safe.

Before you drive:

- Allow plenty of travel time.
- Set the GPS and/or review all maps and directions in advance.
- Stow and secure loose objects and prepare children with everything they need in advance of the trip.
- Ensure your vehicle is in good operating condition with properly inflated tires, including the spare.
- Check your vehicle's brakes and fluid levels including motor oil and windshield washer fluids.
- Ensure seat belts are in working condition and worn by all vehicle occupants. Children should be safely secured in properly installed car seats and booster seats.

Texting and driving:

- According to a CAA poll, texting and driving is tied with drunk driving as the #1 road safety concern among drivers. 96% say that drivers who text and drive are a threat to their personal safety on the road.
- While you drive, do not text, use apps or read emails. Let calls go to voicemail.

Distracted driving:

- This is defined as any distraction that takes the driver's eyes and mind away from the road. Some common distractions to eliminate include use of a mobile phone, reaching for moving objects, eating/drinking or applying makeup. Distracted driving can pose a serious threat to the safety of others on the road.

Here are a few additional safe driving tips:

- Carry a mobile phone or similar type of communication device with a charger for use in case of emergencies.
- Pack a roadside assistance kit or purchase at any CAA Store. Add non-perishable food and drinking water.
- Slow to 60 km/h on Saskatchewan highways when passing working tow truck operators, law enforcement and ambulance personnel, or highway workers and equipment. Slow down when you see flashing lights. It's a matter of life and death.

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CAA Saskatchewan serves approximately 183,000 Members, offering services through its non-profit motor club and benefits through its travel and insurance agencies, plus the CAA Car Care Centre at Regina Battery Depot. CAA advocates for motorists and travellers, supporting traffic safety programs and addressing related public policy issues.

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