



Awareness Operations: New Speed Limits

Châteauguay, November 17, 2020 – Beginning Tuesday, November 17, awareness operations related to the new speed limits will be carried out on boulevard Salaberry, boulevard D'Youville and chemin de la Haute-Rivière. These checkpoints will be in operation at various times of the day, to inform drivers about the new by-law in effect.

This fall, new speed limits came into effect throughout almost the entire territory, dropping from 50 km/h to **30 km/h** alongside parks, in school zones and on waterfront streets and to **40 km/h** on residential streets.

The operations are initially preventive, and for two weeks the police will distribute awareness cards to drivers to help them embrace safe conduct and comply with the *Highway Safety Code*. After the awareness phase, radar operations will be deployed to take action in the event of a failure to comply with the speed limits.

Even while checkpoints are being held, police patrollers may apply the speed laws at any time.

The speed reduction measure was introduced after repeated requests on the part of many residents. It was welcomed by the members of the municipal council as it will reduce the risk of accidents and the severity of injuries. Pedestrians have a 70% chance of dying when struck by a vehicle travelling at 50 km/h, compared to just 25% at 40 km/h.

In addition to reducing the effect of speed on road safety, the change will also increase the sense of security of pedestrians and cyclists, reduce traffic noise and change drivers' attitude about their own speed, thereby improving the safety and quality of life for all Châteauguay residents.

To learn the new speed limit that applies in each sector and read all the details of the new by-law, please go to ville.chateauguay.qc.ca/en/reglements-municipaux/limites-de-vitesse.

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According to data from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), speed is one of the main causes of accidents in Québec. Every year, on average, from 2015 to 2019, speed resulted in:

- 110 deaths (32% of all accidents)
- 405 serious injuries (28%)
- 6,300 minor injuries (18%)

If every driver reduced their average speed by 5 km/h, the number of deaths and injuries on our roads would decline by 15%.

Speed has many dangerous effects:

- It reduces the field of vision.
- It reduces reaction time for avoiding an impact.
- It restricts the capacity to perform avoidance manoeuvres.
- It increases the chances of skidding.
- It increases stopping distance.

Be careful and obey the speed limit, for everyone's safety!

For further information about road safety, please see the Police Department website at ville.chateauguay.qc.ca/en/police-service/services-and-advice/information-and-advice/.

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