Safe City Driving Stats and Facts

FACTS

Common types of accidents that can occur in city driving:

1. Drivers running red lights, failing to yield to the right of way, or making improper turns at intersections can cause accidents.
2. In busy urban areas, drivers failing to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks or not being attentive can result in accidents involving pedestrians.
3. Drivers not giving cyclists enough space or opening car doors without checking for cyclists.
4. Intersections with inadequate signage or drivers not obeying traffic signals can lead to T-bone collisions.
5. Parking lots in cities can be tight and busy, leading to fender benders, sideswipes, and collisions.
6. The constant presence of billboards, signs, pedestrians, and other vehicles distract drivers.
7. Narrow city streets, lane changes without proper signaling, and drivers not checking blind spots.
8. Large delivery trucks double-parked or blocking lanes can obstruct visibility and lead to collisions.
9. Illegal U-turns, abrupt lane changes, and disregarding traffic signs can lead to accidents.
10. Failure to yield to pedestrians, cyclists, or other vehicles when required can result in collisions.
11. City nightlife can result in impaired drivers on the road, contributing to accidents.
12. Failure to follow signage and reduced lanes in construction zones can lead to collisions.

STATS

In Canada, the number of total injuries due to motor vehicle collisions increased to 108,018 in 2021, up from 104,286 in 2020. The fatality rate per 100,000 population also rose slightly from 4.6 in 2020 to 4.7 in 2021. Specifically in urban areas, there were 728 fatal collisions and 56,507 personal injury collisions in 2021.

Here are the statistics for injuries caused by city driving:

- In 2020, the number of total injuries decreased to 101,572, down 28% from 2019 (140,801) .
- In 2019, the number of total injuries decreased to an even lower count of 108,018, down 3.6% from 2020 (104,286) .
- Annually, between 1,250 and 1,500 people are estimated to be injured in impairment-related crashes in Canada. In the U.S., 38,824 lives were lost in 202 due to car accidents.
- In contrast, the 2020 statistics show a total of 711 fatal collisions and 52,073 personal injury collisions in urban settings. This data indicates a consistent concern with city driving safety, underscoring the need for ongoing efforts to enhance road safety in urban environments across Canada.