



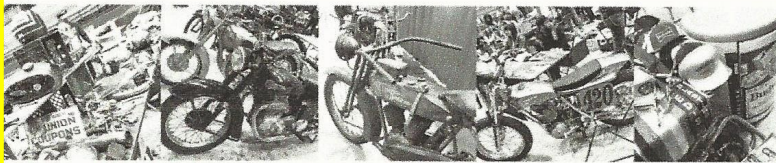
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Stepping up our fight against distracted driving

while driving

March is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and once again the provincial government, police and ICBC are working together to do even more to tackle distracted driving in B.C.

As previously [announced by the B.C. government](#), beginning this month ICBC’s Driver Risk Premium (DRP) program will include convictions for drivers who continue to put road users at risk by illegally using electronic devices while driving. Drivers with two such convictions over a three-year period could pay as much as \$2,000 (\$740 more than the current penalties), on top of their regular vehicle insurance premium. Amounts under the DRP program increase with additional convictions.

This year, the provincial government, ICBC and police have also launched two new pilot projects to explore how technology can help combat distracted driving in B.C. Starting this month, police will pilot new enforcement scopes; and earlier this year another pilot was launched focusing on user acceptance of a combination of phone apps and telematics. Both pilots are first steps in a thoughtful examination of how technology can help take distracted driving off our roads.

As usual police across the province are cracking down on distracted drivers this month as part of the month-long education and enhanced enforcement campaign. Community Policing volunteers will conduct ‘Cell Watch’ and ‘Operation Hang Up’ activities—reminding drivers to take a break from their phones.

An easy way to avoid distracted driving behind the wheel is to activate...

Apple’s *Do Not Disturb While Driving* feature or what’s similarly available on some Android devices and other third-party apps in the App Store or Google Play. On an Apple device it’s four simple steps:

- Go to Settings
- Tap on “Do Not Disturb”
- Scroll down to ‘DO NOT DISTURB WHILE DRIVING’ and tap on “Activate”
- Choose when you’d like this feature to be activated:
- **Automatically:** When your phone senses that you are driving through motion and network connections.
- **When Connected to Car Bluetooth:** When your phone connects to your in-vehicle hands-free system.
- **Manually:** Before you begin your trip, use Control Center (under Settings) to activate the feature.

ICBC’s rates are under significant pressure and part of that is due to a substantial increase in crashes, many of which are the result of distracted driving. We can all do our part to not drive distracted. It’s up to each of us to keep our roads safer and drive smart.

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Safety Tip - Riding in the Rain

By Gary Richardson

Spring is here and with it comes April showers. While riding in the rain is not particularly more dangerous and just requires a little more diligence to safety, the first rain after a long dry spell is particularly dangerous. Pollution in the air in the form of exhaust fumes, especially from diesel engines, lays an oily blanket onto the roadway. After a couple of weeks there is a fairly thick layer on the road. While it has little effect in the dry, the first rain mixes with it to create a slippery surface.

Water and oil don't mix and the rain tends to lift the oily slick from the surface of the asphalt and raise it to the top (oil floats on water), greatly reducing the traction of your already compromised tire contact patches (roughly the size of a tweekie). After a while, the rain will have washed the oil off the road and you will have reasonable traction but before that happens, here are two tell-tale signs warning you of reduced traction.

Tire tracks:

At first the cars will leave tire tracks in the rain. The rain will not fill in the tire track because of the heavy oil slick on the surface. As the rain washes off the oil slick, the tracks will fill in more and more. When the tire tracks fill in immediately, the oil slick has been mostly washed off.

Soap bubbles:

The little mixing that does occur between the oil slick and the rain results in the appearance of a white soapy mixture and bubbles on the road surface, especially in the tire tracks. These will appear at the beginning of the rainfall at a time of extreme slipperiness.

Both of these warning signs typically last a day in ordinary rain and signal extreme caution when riding. Be safe.



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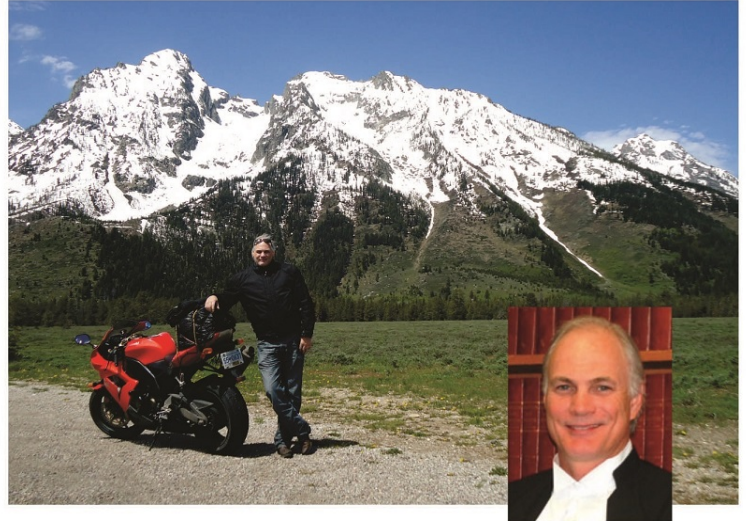
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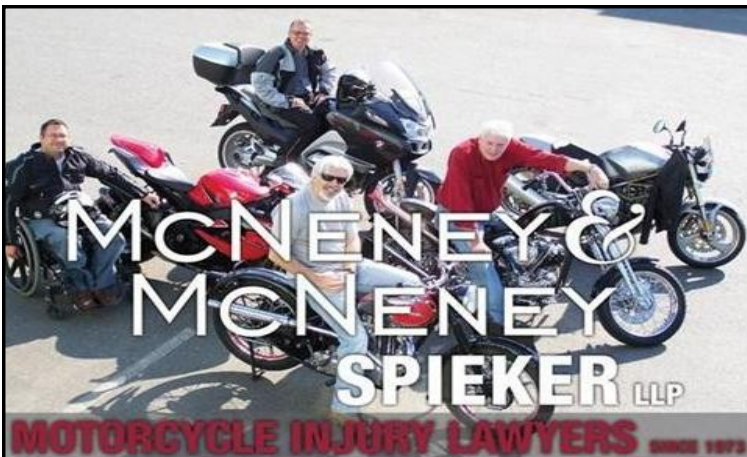
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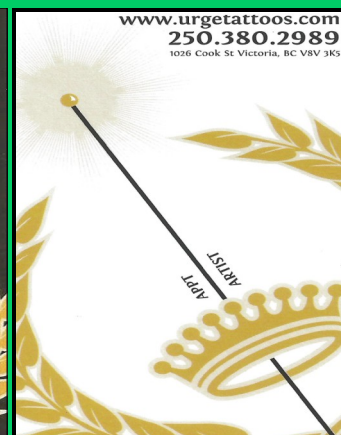
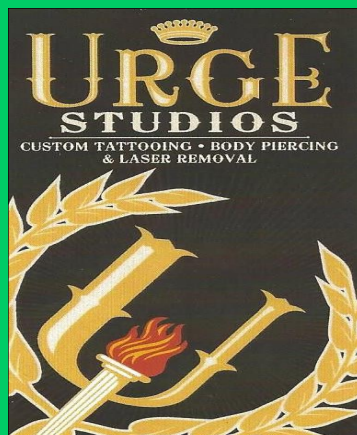
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(<http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/newsroom/Pages/Statistics.aspx>)

A) Licensing:

282,340 - number of people holding a Class 6 endorsement on their driver's license

111,000 - number of people carrying an active insurance policy on their motorcycle

B) Injuries / Fatalities: Provincial

2,600 - crashes involving at least one motorcycle

1,500 - injured victims

32 - fatal motorcyclists

Lower Mainland

880 - injured motorcyclists in Lower Mainland alone

13 - fatal motorcyclists in Lower Mainland alone

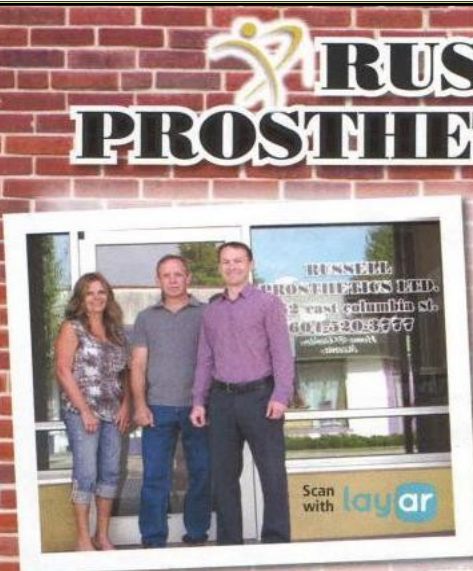
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