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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release on November 5, 2021 in advance of the time change happening this weekend and the shortened daylight hours, especially for the commute home.

You will see within the news release tips on how to stay safe and links to more ways residents can help keep our streets safer.

Best,
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City of Vancouver
News Release
November 5, 2021

City urges caution on the roads with darker days, rain and more people commuting

This weekend we turn our clocks back one hour to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time, which means shortened daylight hours especially for the commute home.

We encourage all residents to stay safe during these wetter, darker months and are urging people to drive carefully and watch for people travelling on foot or by bicycle.

“Traffic collisions involving pedestrians increase significantly at this time of year – notably at intersections,” says Paul Storer, Director of Transportation. “We saw a decrease in collisions involving pedestrians in 2020 but we are seeing an increase this year, including fatalities, as more people are returning to their regular activities. It’s important to take extra time and travel carefully and respectfully as we all work to navigate the change in time and weather.”

Quick facts

- ❑ Collisions involving pedestrians are more frequent between 3pm and 8pm and during hours of darkness in winter months
- ❑ Pedestrians are involved in less than 2% of all traffic collisions, yet account for 60% of all traffic

fatalities in Vancouver

- 79% of pedestrian collisions occur at intersections, mainly when vehicles are turning left or right

Tips for everyone

- Obey all traffic signs and signals
- Watch for other road users making unexpected moves
- Make eye contact with other road users, if you are able. If you cannot make eye contact, assume they cannot see you
- Be aware of your surroundings. Remove your headphones; put away your mobile device or other distractions
- Always check that the intersection is clear and that other road users see you before proceeding
- Consider how visible you are – always use lights when driving or cycling after dark and consider bright, reflective clothing or a light while walking at night

It's vital that motorists turn on their headlights, heed the speed limit, and approach crosswalks and intersections with caution.

[Here are more](#) safety tips based on how you are travelling.

More ways residents can help keep our streets safe:

- [Download the City's mobile app, VanConnect](#): We appreciate any assistance from residents in reporting non-emergency flooding on City streets and sidewalks, fallen tree branches or other issues via the VanConnect app helps to inform the City's operational response. If there is an immediate safety issue please call 3-1-1.
- [Report traffic or pedestrian signal issues](#)
- [Report street light issues](#)
- [Request sidewalk repairs](#)
- [Request sign repairs](#)
- Report downed power lines to 911 and BC Hydro, 1-888-POWER-ON.

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