

Winter safety warning from the OPP

The OPP is asking the public to exercise caution when comes to snow banks and snowmobiles. Parents are being asked to discuss the dangers associated with playing on or tunnelling into snow banks.

With the amount of snow that has fallen this winter, and with more being forecast to fall starting on Tuesday evening, the overall height of area snowbanks is beginning to impede the safety of motorists travelling on the road as those exiting from driveways are unable to have a clear and unobstructed view of approaching traffic.

Chief Superintendent John Tod, Regional Commander of the OPP Central Region is urging drivers to be extra cautious when backing out of driveways. The height of these snowbanks is making it very hard to see other motor vehicles and snowmobile that also use our roads at this time of year. If snowbanks cannot be reduced, backing into a driveway may be safer way to provide a means of exit when that time comes.

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility and everyone must do their part and make safety part of any travel plans. Winter is far from over, so let's work together to make it free from any unnecessary tragedy says Chief Superintendent Tod.