



Insurance Brokers Applaud Changes to Ontario's Drinking and Driving Law

TORONTO, May 1, 2009, The Insurance Brokers Association (IBAO) is applauding new changes to Ontario's drinking and driving laws that come into effect today.

Under the new changes, any driver with a blood alcohol concentration that registers between .05 and .08 on a roadside breath test will lose their driver's licence for 3 to 30 days. Drivers who are caught more than once could face mandatory alcohol education programs and ignition interlocks.

"We're pleased to see these changes to the drinking and driving laws in Ontario," said IBAO CEO Randy Carroll. "Driving under the influence is very dangerous and our members are constantly working to encourage Ontarians, young and old, to drive responsibly."

Ontario's independent insurance brokers have a long history of encouraging safe driving practices in Ontario. As community-minded business people, insurance brokers from across the province are constantly working with community groups to keep their community safe.

Central to IBAO's safe driving initiatives has been their long-standing commitment to Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID). IBAO has been a major sponsor of OSAID for over a decade and continues to work with them to educate Ontario teens about the dangers of impaired driving.

"IBAO is very proud of our work with OSAID," continued Carroll. "Our brokers are committed to keeping Ontarians safe and stronger drinking and driving laws only further our cause of responsible and safe driving."

Insurance brokers are known for their commitment to their community and keeping Ontarians safe. Encouraging Ontarians to responsible by not drinking and driving is an example of how insurance brokers look out for their community's safety and peace of mind.

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