



Why focus on MVIs?

Every year, there are more and more drivers on our roads, and with longer commutes and busy lives, many of us are driving more than ever before. Most of us are so used to driving that we get into our cars and trucks every day without giving any thought to the hazards we'll face on the road.

And yet, in Ontario in 2010, 579 people died in a road collision and 2,500 suffered a serious injury.* Of those injured, 342 were working in the industries that IHSA serves.

The Ontario government refers to these collisions as motor vehicle incidents—MVIs. A collision is considered an MVI if it occurs on a public road or highway, not on private property. MVIs are unique in Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety System because they aren't just a workplace issue—MVIs affect everyone on the road.

MVIs are the leading cause of occupational injury and death in the sectors IHSA serves. In 2013, 18 workers from IHSA member firms were killed in an MVI. That's compared to 10 workers who died from falls. So, it's not surprising that they have been designated as a priority hazard by the Ontario Ministry of Labour and the Prevention Office.

*Statistics are from the 2010 *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report*.

In this magazine, you'll find valuable information about how to eliminate the hazards that lead to MVIs. For example, you'll find information about distracted driving, defensive driving, common risk factors for MVIs, some helpful tips for sharing the road with trucks, and a new perspective on impaired driving from a veteran road safety reporter.

Those who drive professionally or employ drivers will find information on fleet management, predictive behaviour analysis, and Ontario's Fleet Safety Council. There's also a preventive maintenance checklist that can be used with any vehicle.

And to illustrate the devastating effects a fatal collision has on a family, there is an interview with the widow of a truck driver who was killed on the job.

We hope you can use the information in this magazine to make your time on the road safer.

