

Week 1 Discussion (Now Closed)

Posted on [June 15, 2015](#)

One of the ways to add your voice is to join the moderated online discussion below. This is your opportunity to share your stories and engage with other British Columbians on this topic. Each Monday at 12pm during the month long engagement, a new question about distracted driving will be posed here on this site. You will have one week to share your thoughts. The comments that you submit will be compiled and shared with the Ministry of Justice after July 16, 2015.

Week 1 Questions: What penalties would be most effective in stopping distracted driving (ex: fines, penalty points) and at what amount? What about other sanctions, like driving prohibitions and vehicle impoundments?

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Week 2 Discussion (Now Closed)

Posted on [June 22, 2015](#)

Many of you have already told us about the number of times you see/experience distracted driving in a day. We've heard from people all over the province: Robert, a bus driver on the 99 B Line in Vancouver, Lisa, a motorcyclist in Prince George, Barry, a truck driver in Mission and Mel who tells a story of driving with his wife in Penticton to Kelowna just last weekend.

We have also heard that the majority of you are very concerned about distracted driving, and that you think penalties need to be more severe. While some of you have touched on it already, for this week's question, we'd like you to tell us more about whether penalties should be escalating (i.e. increase for repeat offenders), or if you want to see one level set across the board that will be the same everytime.

Week 2 Question: If you think the penalties should be escalating, please tell us what you think each penalty level should be below:

Week 3 Discussion (Now Closed)

Posted on [June 29, 2015](#)

Many comments on last week's question around escalating or tiered penalties talked about going beyond just dollar fines or demerit points, so this week we'd like to get a bit deeper into that discussion. A number of people have suggested asking police to confiscate phones of offending drivers, while others have suggested tying fine amounts to income. But are there other options that government could pursue in addition to fines/points?

Week 3 Question: Do you think impounding a vehicle and/or suspending a licence for reoffenders would be an appropriate deterrent? What do you think should trigger, and determine the length, of a vehicle impoundment or licence suspension for distracted driving?

Week 4: Discussion (Now Closed)

Posted on [July 6, 2015](#)

Many of you have pointed out that there are some key audiences who have yet to get the message about distracted driving.

Week 4 Question: Can you think of other ways, in addition to increasing penalties, that all of us can help get the word out about distracted driving and help change behaviour?

Week 5 Discussion (Now Closed)

Posted on [July 13, 2015](#)

This public consultation will close on Thursday, July 16th at 4pm. To that end, this question is your last opportunity to provide feedback to the Ministry of Justice.

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Week 5 Question: Is there anything else that you think is important for Government to take into account as it considers changes to the current approach to distracted driving?