

Media Release

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Killam / Forestburg RCMP urges drivers to be aware of increased wildlife encounters during winter months

Killam / Forestburg, Alta. – With the onset of cooler temperatures, the likelihood of encountering wildlife on the roads increases. Animals are often more active in the fall and winter, searching for food and migrating to warmer areas. This seasonal shift can lead to more wildlife crossing roadways, making it crucial for drivers to remain vigilant.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP advises motorists to take extra precautions to avoid potentially dangerous collisions by following these driving tips:

- Slow down and stay alert, especially at dawn and dusk when animals are most active.
- Use high beams at night where possible to increase visibility and spot animals from a distance.
- Watch for signs indicating areas with high wildlife activity and reduce speed accordingly.
- If you see one animal cross the road, be aware that more may follow.
- Never swerve to avoid hitting an animal—brake firmly and stay in your lane to prevent losing control of your vehicle.
- If a collision is unavoidable, aim for the rear of the animal rather than a head-on impact.
- Ensure your windshield is clean and wipers are working properly to maintain a clear view.
- Always wear your seatbelt, as it offers the best protection in case of a sudden stop or collision.
- Be extra cautious in rural or forested areas, as wildlife is more likely to be present.

For more tips on how you can avoid wildlife encounters this winter, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

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