

**In the matter of Section 227 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025,
the *Traffic Safety Act***

-and-

**In the matter of new regulations respecting collision reporting
made by the Minister of Public Works**

Order

I, Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 227 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, hereby make new regulations respecting collision reporting in the form set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

This order is effective on and after the date that Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, comes into force.

Dated and made September 8, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.


Honourable Fred Tilley
Minister of Public Works

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Collision Reporting made by the Minister of Public Works under Section 227 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Collision Reporting Regulations*.

2 Definitions

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*;

“qualified damage appraiser” means an individual who meets the qualification set out in Section 3 and who, for compensation or for promise or expectation of compensation, engages in the business of establishing the amount of loss resulting from any damage to a vehicle.

3 Qualification of damage appraiser

An individual must have at least 2 years’ experience in vehicle repair and vehicle body work to offer or provide services as a qualified damage appraiser.

4 Reporting total loss vehicle

- (1) Before paying a claim with respect to damage to a vehicle on the basis that the vehicle is a total loss, an insurer must engage a qualified damage appraiser to examine the vehicle to determine all of the following:
 - (a) whether the vehicle is a total loss;
 - (b) if the vehicle is a total loss, whether the vehicle is a salvage vehicle or a non-repairable vehicle.
- (2) If a qualified damage appraiser determines that a vehicle is a total loss under subsection (1), the insurer must notify the Registrar as to whether the vehicle is a non-repairable vehicle or a salvage vehicle no later than 5 days after paying a claim with respect to damage to the vehicle.

- (3) If damage to a vehicle is serious enough that the vehicle owner presumes the vehicle to be a total loss and an insurance claim has not been paid out to the owner with respect to that damage, the owner must report the particulars of the damage to the Registrar no later than 30 days after the date the vehicle sustained the damage.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), a vehicle reported by an owner under subsection (3) as a total loss is presumed to be a non-repairable vehicle.
- (5) An owner of a vehicle described in subsection (3) who wishes to have the status of salvage assigned to the vehicle must engage a qualified damage appraiser to examine the vehicle and determine whether the vehicle is a salvage vehicle.
- (6) A qualified damage appraiser who determines that a vehicle is a salvage vehicle under subsection (5) must report that determination to the Registrar within 5 days of making the determination.
- (7) A qualified damage appraiser must not provide a false report to an insurer, a vehicle owner or the Registrar about the status of a vehicle.

5 Requirement to engage qualified damage appraiser for total loss

- (1) If the Registrar has reason to believe that a vehicle is or was a total loss, the Registrar may require the owner of the vehicle to engage a qualified damage appraiser to examine the vehicle and provide a report by a specified date.
- (2) On receiving a report required by subsection (1), the Registrar must assign the status of the vehicle in accordance with the report.
- (3) A person who is required to engage a qualified damage appraiser under subsection (1) is responsible for all costs associated with engaging the qualified damage appraiser.
- (4) If a report is not received by the Registrar within 30 days of the date it was required under subsection (1), the Registrar may assign a status to the vehicle that the Registrar determines is appropriate based on the available information.

6 Information included in report by person in charge of garage or repair shop

All of the following is the information about a vehicle that must be included in a report provided by a person in charge of a garage or repair shop in accordance with subsection 222(1) of the Act on receiving a vehicle that shows evidence of having been in a reportable collision or struck by a bullet:

- (a) make;
- (b) model;
- (c) year of manufacture;

- (d) vehicle identification number;
- (e) owner's client number as assigned by the Registrar, if available;
- (f) name and contact information of the owner or person in charge of the vehicle, if available;
- (g) name and contact information of the person who brought the vehicle to, or left it in, the garage or repair shop.

7 Information to be provided by driver under clause 221(1)(d) of Act

All of the following is the information required to be provided by a driver under clause 221(1)(d) of the Act to any person sustaining loss or injury in a collision or to a peace officer :

- (a) driver's given name and surname;
- (b) driver's contact information;
- (c) if applicable, number plate of the driver's vehicle or other conveyance.

8 Conveyances prescribed for purpose of Sections 221 and 223 of Act

For the purposes of the obligations imposed under Sections 221 and 223 of the Act on a driver of a vehicle or other conveyance involved in a collision while driving on a highway, all of the following conveyances are prescribed as conveyances to which those provisions apply:

- (a) personal transporter;
- (b) electrical kick-scooter;
- (c) off-highway vehicle.

9 Information included in report to police

All of the following is the information that is required to be reported to a police officer or a police department employee under subsection 223(3) of the Act for a vehicle or a conveyance prescribed in Section 8 that is involved in a reportable collision, if the information is known and relevant to the collision:

- (a) all of the following general information about the reportable collision:
 - (i) the date and time of the collision,
 - (ii) any or all of the following that resulted from the collision:
 - (A) property damage only,

- (B) bodily injury to 1 or more individuals,
 - (C) the death of 1 or more individuals,
- (iii) whether the collision was a hit and run collision,
- (iv) for a collision that resulted in property damage, whether the damage is to Provincial, municipal or private property,
- (v) the location of the collision, which may include any of the following:
 - (A) the city, town, village or rural community where the collision occurred,
 - (B) the civic address nearest to the location of the collision,
 - (C) for a collision that occurred at an intersection, the intersection where the collision occurred,
 - (D) for a collision that did not occur at an intersection, the route, section or authority number of the highway on which it occurred and 1 of the following:
 - (I) the GPS coordinates of the location where it occurred,
 - (II) the distance of its location from another highway or a landmark such as a bridge, kilometre marker or civic number,
- (vi) the speed limit at the location of the collision,
- (vii) a description of the collision that may consist of or include a sketch;
- (b) if applicable, all of the following administrative information about the vehicle or other conveyance involved in the reportable collision:
 - (i) jurisdiction in which it is registered,
 - (ii) number plate number,
 - (iii) year, make and model,
 - (iv) insurance information, including the name of the insurance agent and the policy number;
- (c) if applicable, all of the following administrative information about the driver's licence of a driver involved in the reportable collision:
 - (i) jurisdiction where the driver's licence was issued,
 - (ii) client number assigned by the Registrar, or the equivalent from another jurisdiction,

- (iii) class of the driver's licence,
 - (iv) status of the driver's licence;
- (d) all of the following information about each individual involved in the reportable collision:
 - (i) name, civic address, date of birth, gender and phone number,
 - (ii) for any occupant of the vehicle or other conveyance, all of the following:
 - (A) identification of the vehicle or other conveyance they were riding in,
 - (B) their position in the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (C) whether they were wearing a seat belt or in a child restraint system and, if so, the type of seat belt or child restraint system,
 - (D) whether an air bag was deployed at their position in the vehicle and, if so, the details of the deployment,
 - (E) whether they were ejected, partially or fully, from the vehicle,
 - (iii) whether they were a pedestrian,
 - (iv) the severity of their injuries, in accordance with the following categories:
 - (A) not injured,
 - (B) received minor injuries and no treatment,
 - (C) received moderate injuries and were treated and released,
 - (D) received major injuries and were hospitalized,
 - (E) received fatal injuries;
- (e) all of the following information about the environmental and other conditions existing at the time and location of the reportable collision:
 - (i) environmental conditions, including all of the following:
 - (A) natural light conditions,
 - (B) artificial light conditions,
 - (C) weather conditions,

- (D) roadway surfacing material,
 - (E) roadway surface condition,
 - (F) roadway structural condition,
 - (ii) any unusual circumstances,
 - (iii) details of the collision configuration,
 - (iv) the type of highway,
 - (v) for a collision that occurred on a divided highway, a description of the division,
 - (vi) roadway information, including all of the following:
 - (A) configuration,
 - (B) alignment,
 - (C) grade,
 - (D) for a collision that occurred in or while approaching a temporary work area, the type and configuration of the temporary work area and the location of the collision in relation to it,
 - (E) details of any traffic control devices at the location of the collision,
 - (vii) whether the collision involved, directly or indirectly, a vehicle transporting students;
- (f) all of the following information about any pedestrian involved in the reportable collision:
 - (i) the pedestrian's activity at the time of the collision,
 - (ii) the pedestrian's location at the time of the collision,
 - (iii) any action by the pedestrian that was a contributing factor,
 - (iv) the condition of the pedestrian, if it was a contributing factor;
- (g) all of the following information about a driver of a vehicle or other conveyance involved in the reportable collision:
 - (i) any action of the driver that was a contributing factor,
 - (ii) the condition of the driver, if it was a contributing factor,

- (iii) whether the driver was distracted and, if so, the nature of the distraction;
- (h) all of the following information about the vehicle or other conveyance:
 - (i) direction of travel,
 - (ii) type of vehicle,
 - (iii) type of any cargo body for the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (iv) trailer type of any trailer for the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (v) load status, for a commercial vehicle,
 - (vi) class of dangerous goods cargo, if the vehicle or other conveyance was carrying dangerous goods,
 - (vii) for a vehicle used for a special purpose, such as an emergency vehicle, a vehicle for hire or a military vehicle, the purpose of the vehicle,
 - (viii) whether the vehicle or other conveyance was responding to an emergency at the time of the collision,
 - (ix) any contributing factor relating to the equipment or load of the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (x) the driving manoeuvre being undertaken at the time of the collision,
 - (xi) any event not involving a collision, such as a skid, fire, explosion, load spill or submersion,
 - (xii) any moveable object hit by the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (xiii) any non-moveable object hit by the vehicle or other conveyance,
 - (xiv) the location on the vehicle or other conveyance of the first impact of the collision,
 - (xv) the location on the vehicle or other conveyance of any major damage.