



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

RE: Radium Show and Shine 2026 – Traffic Safety and Participant Expectations

On behalf of the Columbia Valley RCMP, I would like to welcome all participants and visitors attending the 2026 Radium Show and Shine.

Our primary objective throughout the event is to ensure the safety of everyone attending while supporting a positive and enjoyable experience for participants, residents, businesses, and visitors alike. To help achieve this, the Columbia Valley RCMP, in partnership with BC Highway Patrol and other police resources, will maintain an enhanced presence during the event weekend.

We ask all drivers to demonstrate respect for the community and comply with all traffic laws while attending the Show and Shine.

Anyone who participates in “burn outs” on public streets/highways will be charged under the Motor Vehicle Act under section 144(1)(a), Drive without due care and attention. This charge comes with a \$368 fine and 6 demerit points. Your vehicle can also be impounded for 7 days as a result.

Speeding, especially through Kootenay National Park, will be monitored. In British Columbia, if you are exceeding the speed limit by 40 km/hr or more, you will receive a \$368 fine, 6 demerit points, and your vehicle can be impounded for 7 days. The speed limit through the park is 90 km/hr from the Alberta border to Settler’s Road turn off, and 80 km/hr from there into the Radium Hot Springs area. Please obey all posted speed limits. Impaired driving will be strictly enforced.

In British Columbia, if you are stopped by a peace officer, you are required to provide a breath sample, if asked, into a Roadside Screening Device (MAST - Mandatory Alcohol Screening Test). Any breath test resulting in a “Warn” will automatically lead to a 3 day driving prohibition and a discretionary 3 day impound of your vehicle. Any breath test resulting in a “Fail” will automatically lead to a 90 day driving prohibition and a mandatory 30 day impound of your vehicle; or you may be charged under the Criminal Code for Impaired Driving.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Jeff Witzke
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