



St. Paul Municipal Enforcement

Media Release - Tinting/Glazing of Motor Vehicle Windows

St. Paul Municipal Enforcement wishes to remind drivers of the legislation regarding window tinting/glazing. The following is an excerpt from the Province of Alberta Website:

Yes, window tint in Alberta is illegal. Regulations regarding window tinting in Alberta exist, and failure to adhere can lead to a fine. Using a window tint that is too dark is a safety hazard. It is essential to know what is illegal concerning window tint laws in Alberta. Here is an overview of Alberta window tint laws:

- No tint is allowed on the windshield
- No film is permitted on the front side windows
- Any shade can be used on the back side windows
- Any darkness can be used on the rear window only if the car has both the left and right side rear view mirrors.

Other Alberta tint laws exist such as:

- No reflective tint is allowed
- It is a must to have side mirrors if the rear window has a shade
- No medical exemptions
- No tint sticker requirements
- No certificate requirements

The Alberta window tint laws are enforced because of various reasons. The first one is because massive tints impede the driver's vision, especially at night. Most people may argue that a tinted windshield helps reduce glare, but at the same time, it makes it difficult to see through the window at night. Heavy films make it harder to break a window, it becomes more challenging to help victims escape or be extricated from a vehicle or a car involved in a collision. A tinted windshield makes it more difficult for pedestrians and other drivers to ascertain the intentions of the driver.

Should enforcement action be taken, the following section of the Vehicle Equipment Regulations:

Section 70(1) A person shall not install, replace or cover the window glazing in a windshield or in a left or right side window of a motor vehicle that is beside or forward of the driver with a transparent, translucent or opaque material.