

# PLEASE HELP MY MOMMY CROSS THE ROAD!



**ROAD MORTALITY IS A LEADING CAUSE OF TURTLE DECLINE**

Ontario has **8** turtle species

In the spring, female turtles can cross dozens of roads to lay their eggs.

**MANY GET HIT BY CARS!**

**7** of our 8 turtle species are now **species at risk**- with 2 of those listed as endangered

But you can help! 😊

If you see a **turtle on the road**, please stop and help her across the road in the **direction that she was heading** (but look both ways first!)

Huron Stewardship Council- [hsc.huronstewardship.on.ca](http://hsc.huronstewardship.on.ca)



## IF YOU FIND AN INJURED TURTLE

- Carefully place the injured turtle in a box or well-ventilated plastic container with a secure lid (turtles can climb!)
- Most turtles can be picked up carefully with two hands. When handling snapping turtles keep a safe distance from their head as they will snap at you if they feel threatened. You may want to use a shovel or board to lift the turtle.
- Note the location (road and major intersections) where the turtle was found to ensure it can be released according to provincial regulations.
- Do not transport turtles in water. Do not offer the turtle anything to eat.

### TAKE THEM TO:

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| •Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center- PO Box 601, Mt Brydges, ON, N0L 1W0 | 519-264-2440 |
| •Turtle Haven- 114 Mansion St, Kitchener, ON, N2H 2J9                          | 519 745-4334 |
| •Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital- Oro-Medonte, ON, L3V6H1                         |              |
| •Kawartha Turtle Trauma Center- 1434 Chemong Rd #4, Peterborough, ON, K9J 6X2  | 705-741-5000 |
| •Toronto Wildlife Centre- 60 Carl Hall Rd, Toronto, ON, M3K 2C1                | 416-631-0662 |

Volunteer couriers may be able to drive the turtle to a rehabilitation center if you cannot. [Please call first.](#)

Even if the turtle cannot be saved, wildlife rehabilitation staff [may be able to save the eggs inside her!](#)

If the turtle is NOT injured: please help it across the road. **Do not take wild turtles home as pets**, it is against the law.