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Dr Peter Burns is Chief of the Ergonomics and Crash Avoidance Division at Transport Canada. He is responsible for conducting research in support of motor vehicle safety standards and regulations. He is currently conducting research on the assessment and mitigation of driver distraction from in-vehicle devices.

Before Transport Canada, Peter lead research on driver distraction at the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) in the U.K. This included studies to benchmark the impairment of distraction from hand-held mobile phone conversations to alcohol impairment, and hands-free phone conversations to passenger conversations and more conventional in-vehicle tasks.

Prior to TRL, Peter worked for Volvo in Sweden where he created new approaches for limiting distraction in vehicles.